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Selihot:

Weekend of Prayer, Study and Inner Reflection



VISIONS OF TRANSFORMATION
with **Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison**

Friday, September 15 at 6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Dinner and Presentation

Gather for a pre-Selihot Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a delicious dinner and an engaging presentation titled "God's Birthday Dreams: *Hayom Harat Olam*". Cost: \$36 adults; \$21 young adults (ages 15-35); \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4). Reserve online or call the Synagogue office by **Monday, September 11.**

**Shabbat, September 16
beginning at 8:45 AM**

Rabbi Addison joins us for an uplifting Shabbat service and a presentation on "Standing Anew with God: *Atem Nitzovim Hayom*", with an enhanced community Kiddush following.

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Saturday evening, September 16 at 9:15 PM

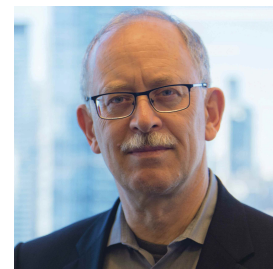
Rabbi Addison concludes his Selihot visit with an evening presentation on "Composing a New Song: *V'nomar L'fanav*". Then, we welcome the return of Maestro Meir Briskman and the Lishmoa El Harina Ensemble who join Cantor Sidney Ezer and Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl and Adam Cutler for a meaningful, musical and mystical service concluding with a delicious midnight dessert reception. No charge.

Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison is the Gershom Scholem Professor of Jewish Spirituality at the Graduate Theological Foundation and Assistant Professor for instruction at Temple University.

For information or to reserve for the dinner, visit www.beth-tzedec.org/login or call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

Sponsored by the John and Molly Pollock Lectures

What Do I Do? What Can I Do?



When people ask me what I do as a rabbi, it is simple: I open a door for an individual to find a mitzvah that is personally meaningful.

WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING SINCE 1993 IN ADDITION TO sermons, teaching, officiating at lifecycle events and working with colleagues and congregational leaders?

Visiting people in their homes, calling shut-ins and attending to hospital patients; supporting blood drives and encouraging organ donation; welcoming Soviet Jewish immigrants and Syrian refugees through JIAS; assisting indigent and hungry Jews, while providing *tzedakah* for individuals and organizations; creating a place for socially awkward young adults through the “Social Network” of Jewish Family and Child and seeking ways to become an inclusive synagogue; seeking support for the Jewish Theological Seminary, Masorti and the Schechter Institute; encouraging congregational and family Jewish education, affordable full-day Jewish education, Jewish camping (particularly at Ramah) and extended study opportunities for teens and young adults in Israel.

Advocating for Israel and encouraging citizen diplomacy between Israelis and Palestinians; dialoguing with other faith traditions and supporting “Truth and Reconciliation” education; encouraging young people to clean up after the New Jersey floods, help First Nations reservations in Ontario, participate in Project Ethiopia, go on the March of the Living and do volunteer work in Israel; preparing breakfasts at Out of the Cold and support for Mazon; working closely with UJA Federation and CIJA; inspiring Sukkahville, advocating for affordable housing and calling for more funding for palliative care. These are a few of my favorite things.

My primary lens is to view *hesed*—providing emotional, material and spiritual support to those in need—and *Mishpat*—striving for a just society—as essential aspects of a Torah life, a path to God, and a significant part of my rabbinic work at Beth Tzedec. I open doors for people to do *mitzvot*.

Inspired by the writing and example of my teacher Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel^{z”l}, I believe in the rabbinic maxim, “Torah study is valuable because it leads to action.” I have tried to bring my academic and avocational study back into our Congregation and community in a variety of ways. I begin each Shabbat morning service by reminding those in attendance that prayer and worship should lead us from synagogue to society. During my years

at Beth Tzedec, I have tried to model this type of Jewish life and to encourage our *kehillah* and its members to become personally involved in efforts to build a better world.

I want to place another challenging mitzvah before you. Although our member, Ronnie Gavsie, works assiduously to encourage the Trillium Gift of Life, Ontario still has a tremendous shortage of organ donors. In the past, I have encouraged you to consider post-mortem organ donation, and you can register at www.giftoflife.on.ca/en. But I want those of you who are under the age of 65 to consider another type of organ donation.

A member of our Congregation who wants to see his children grow, marry and start their own families is in serious need of a kidney. Kidney failure is chronic, debilitating and often fatal. There is no cure, and the only remedy is to obtain a kidney transplant. Renewal Toronto, a non-profit organization working in the Jewish community to help people suffering from irreversible kidney failure, is assisting in his search for a living donor. Renewal has been endorsed by leading rabbinic authorities as a fulfilment of the great mitzvah of saving human life (www.life-renewal.org/toronto/index.htm).

Renewal will provide people considering a donation with reliable information about the procedure and will make past kidney donors available to answer questions. The organization will assist people who have decided to save someone’s life by providing them with assistance before, during and after the transplant operation, and will reimburse donors for expenses that they incur, as well as for lost salary or wages. Renewal will link a potential donor with the University Health Network where our member is registered and waiting (www.uhn.ca/MOT).

I know people who have given life: Dr. Dvora Steinmetz of the Derisha Institute in New York, Rabbi Shmuli Yankelowitz of Los Angeles, my friend Jill Baker Shames of Kids Kicking Cancer and our members Butch Mandel and Ira Rosenberg. All of them are, thank God, in good health and they made a gift which created the possibility of life for someone else. Rabbi Shmuly discusses his decision in an *ELI* talk (www.elitalks.org/how-far-will-you-go-give-judaism-and-organ-donation). His key question: In this world, have I given more or received more?

When I educate people about the Shoah, I often ask myself whether I would have had the courage to shelter Jews knowing that I might endanger my entire family. I'm not sure. Each of us has very personal motivations, hesitations, and considerations. Some people can adopt a child or accept a foster child. Others can help refugees. Some will visit people in hospital or listen to individuals in palliative care. In the play "Come from Away", one woman is focused on rescuing the animals that were on the planes that landed in Gander, Newfoundland. Different acts of *hesed* are more challenging or more possible for different people.

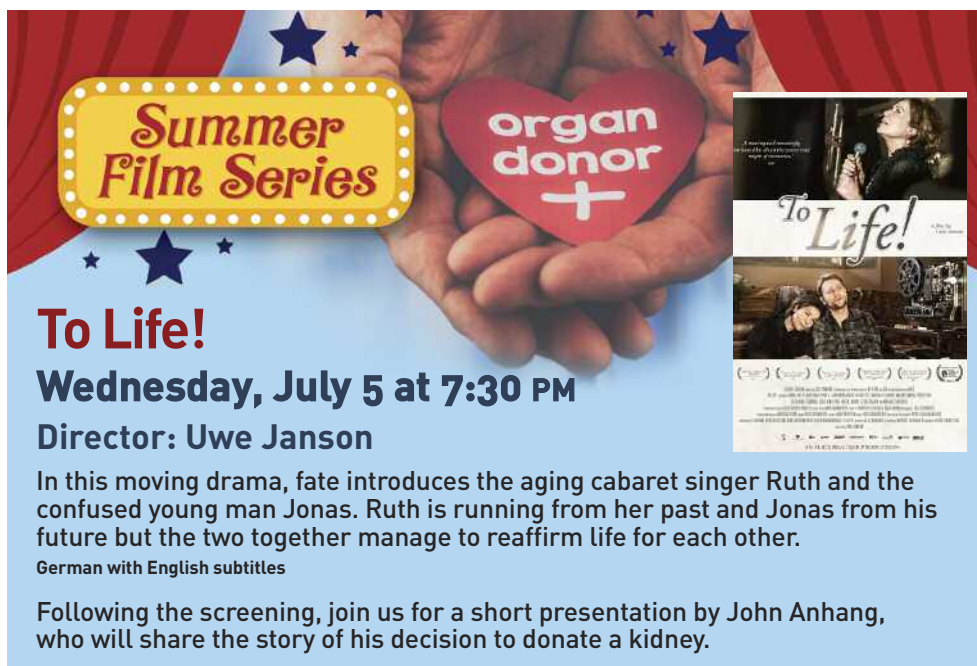
Siddur Sim Shalom (weekdays) adapts a Hasidic teaching as transmitted by Martin Buber, to emphasize that all our actions have the possibility of serving God:

We should serve God with all our strength, for all of it is needed. God wants us to serve in all ways. ... now in this way and now in that, and it is God who bade us talk to people or undertake a journey. ... This is the secret of the unity of God: No matter where I take hold of a shred of it, I hold the whole of it. Since the teachings and all the commandments are radiations of God's being, when we lovingly do one commandment utterly and to the core ... we take hold of a shred of the unity of God, hold the whole of it in our hands, and have fulfilled all.

If you have ever thought about the possibility of saving a person's life, plan to join us the evening of Wednesday, July 5 for the first of our summer film series. You may just want to see the German language film, *Auf Das Leben! (To Life)* about an aging cabaret singer and her relationship with a young man; they give each other a purpose to live. The film is unrelated to organ donation.

After the film, John Anhang will discuss his decision to donate a kidney. "I've been blessed in life with excellent health. ... It occurred to me that if God has blessed me with good health, there is a physical way to share that health with someone else." (www.cjnews.com/news/health/renewal-helps-save-lives-one-kidney-time)

When people ask me what I do as a rabbi, it is simple: I open a door for an individual to find a cause that is personally meaningful. This may be your door.



Summer Film Series

To Life!
Wednesday, July 5 at 7:30 PM
Director: Uwe Janson

In this moving drama, fate introduces the aging cabaret singer Ruth and the confused young man Jonas. Ruth is running from her past and Jonas from his future but the two together manage to reaffirm life for each other.
 German with English subtitles

Following the screening, join us for a short presentation by John Anhang, who will share the story of his decision to donate a kidney.

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Reflecting on the Past Year and the Year Coming



At the recent Annual General Meeting, Dr. Sheldon Rotman gave his annual President's address to the Congregation.

IT WAS 50 YEARS AGO THAT THE CITY OF JERUSALEM WAS unified, and in the same breath, 50 years ago, I stood on our *bimah* and celebrated my Bar Mitzvah. The tight bond of affiliation with Beth Tzedec that was established in my childhood continued throughout adulthood, and I have the honour of reporting on my year as President of this great *kehillah* in this new beautiful Mezzanine Hall.

This year was a year of many accomplishments and progress, much of it made possible by our superb senior staff—Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl and Adam Cutler, Cantor Sidney Ezer, executive director Randy Spiegel, ritual director Lorne Hanick, director of community building and spiritual engagement Yacov Fruchter, director of education Daniel Silverman and, of course, our property manager Brian Dias. We owe much of our success to this fabulous group.

Our extraordinary team of executive officers are supported by talented and committed volunteers who serve on our Board of Governors. From our minyan leaders, Shabbat greeters, Torah readers, High Holy Day co-ordinating team, the many committee chairs and committee members signal that our shul is in good hands today and tomorrow. Our volunteers are an extraordinary group dedicated to this amazing shul community.

Programmatically, the highlights were as follows: In September, Cantor Fishel, Meir Briskman and choir members from around the world joined our *klei kodesh* for a memorable Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The diversity of our High Holy Day programming allowed our membership to find unique ways to celebrate the High Holy Days. Our prayer rooms were full ... the hallways were not! This year, we will again welcome this dynamic musical duo, and we look forward to a full menu of services and topics of interest.

Our new Strategic Plan talks about bringing the community into our shul by building partnerships between Beth Tzedec and other groups. It enhances our relevance to our membership and broadens the way we engage with members and the larger community.

In February at our very successful Shabbat Shirah concert, we teamed up with the Ashkenaz Foundation and had over 1,100 people in our Sanctuary until almost

midnight as we did a tribute to Leonard Cohen^{z"l}.

In March, we enjoyed an evening with Lior Raz from the hit TV show *Fauda*. The Sanctuary was filled to capacity as we partnered with Hillel to put on this event. Both events spoke to the central place our shul can play in the larger Toronto community.

Over 200 women celebrated our ninth annual Mother's Day Chai Tea "Springtime in Paris", and just days later, our Men's Club's fifth annual Golf Classic took place. These programs raised funds for Out of the Cold, Men's Club community efforts and the Synagogue.

Beth Tzedec had the privilege of honouring a special unit of former Israeli elite combat soldiers as part of our Israel Action Committee initiatives. We partner with Peace of Mind Canada.

On a daily and weekly basis, our sold out Book and Film Club, our Games and Movie Afternoons and the 350 students of the Robbins Hebrew Academy keep our place humming.

This year, the Board approved a new Strategic Plan to help guide the Synagogue going forward. It will help us in our programming, staffing and selecting new senior clergy. We are now in the process of implementing an operational plan to facilitate these initiatives.

While the finances of the Synagogue are on solid footing, we cannot rely indefinitely on our financial returns and cemetery proceeds. The Budget and Finance Committee will look at all aspects of long-term financial planning which include alternative revenue sources. In addition, we will be engaging a professional fundraising group to do a feasibility study over the summer to help focus our short and long-term fundraising efforts and goals.

In February, our Board of Governors attended a retreat with a governance expert Richard Powers from the Rotman School of Management. Our goal was to find how best to modernize our operations and the shul's 62 year old by-laws with a view to having the Board focus on planning and strategy, and the executive director and staff focus on implementation and operations. As part of this process, Brian Segal and his committee has been working on a new constitution that

more appropriately reflects best practices in governance models of today. Once fully drafted, the new constitution will be presented and discussed by the membership in an open forum, and then will be brought back for ratification at the next AGM.

The rabbinical search for our new senior rabbi is underway, and the committee will be meeting throughout the summer to identify key criteria consistent with our Strategic Plan. We all know how difficult it will be to replace our beloved Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl. In many ways, he has come to define our Congregation.

While Shep Gangbar and Marvin Miller put their hearts and souls into the search for a new senior cantor, our efforts were not successful. Thank you Shep and Marvin. We will form a new committee this fall to start the efforts again.

In closing, your Board of Governors has been entrusted to put forward new and exciting proposals that will guide Beth Tzedec for future generations. The time has come to make these steps a reality. The new constitution, rabbinical and cantorial searches, renewed emphasis on youth and family engagement, strengthening our financial position and expansion of partnership opportunities are all lights that guide our way to a bright future.

I have been honoured to serve as your President this past year, and I want to express my gratitude to the Chair of the Board of Governors, Debbie Rothstein, who I have worked closely with. A hearty “*yasher koach*” to the entire Executive and Board of Governors.

Thank you.

Building for Today and Tomorrow

With great pride, Beth Tzedec is pleased to thank Mary Ellen Herman for a commitment to the Congregation that will see the main floor banquet hall named the Michael and Mary Ellen Herman Banquet Hall. Norman Bacal, chair of the Beth Tzedec Development Committee, made the announcement on Shavuot before the entire Congregation.

In memory of her late husband Michael^z, and in recognition of the great contributions to further their connection to Judaism and the Jewish People, Mary Ellen was moved by the work of the Congregation and most notably Rav Baruch. Her leadership commitment is an example to all who have enjoyed a relationship with the Congregation and benefit from its generations of leadership.

“The dedication of and naming of the Michael and Mary Ellen Herman Banquet Hall—Herman Hall—a place of *simḥah*, celebration of life moments and joyous occasions, is a testament to her vision and heart”, noted Sheldon Rotman, President. “We all thank Mary Ellen, an incredible woman who leads by example, always supporting and attending our programs, lectures and events.” Rav Baruch dedicated his Yizkor sermon to Mary Ellen and her family.

The Congregation wishes Mary Ellen and her family that all the blessings of good health be bestowed upon them. The official dedication of the Michael and Mary Ellen Herman Banquet Hall will take place at a later date.



Bar/Bat
Mitzvah

CLUB

Beth Tzedec Congregation continues the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club, a program for children with difficulty in social situations.

We are looking for students with a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 who are seeking to prepare for this experience with peers in a program suited to their needs.

The program will consist of a series of evening sessions with dinner. A valuable and voluntary parent group will run concurrently with the children's sessions. The highly subsidized cost of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club is \$700.

For information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

*This program has been made possible thanks to the Elizabeth Rose Herman
Education Bursary of Beth Tzedec Congregation*

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Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



(IN ISRAEL) August 14

Abe Schwartz

son of Barry Schwartz
& Cheryl Kaplan

אברהם בן חיים ובתיה



September 9

Carsyn Andrews

daughter of Hartley
& Mandi Andrews

חנה פרל לאה בת יעקב
ושושנה דבורה



September 16

Jake Lapedus

son of Justin Lapedus
and Danielle Lapedus

יעקב יונה בן צבי חניאל
וגיטה פיגה

CS | X Congregational School Experience

Accelerated Learning Program for Grades 4 to 7

Our accelerated class for students in Grades 4 to 7 is designed for – but not limited to – students who have attended Jewish Day School through Grade 3 or higher.

This class will engage in a newly-designed curriculum with a focus on Hebrew language, Jewish ritual and history, and Jewish peoplehood—what it means to be a member of the global Jewish community. Taught by a young and energetic Jewish Day School teacher, this class will move at a more rapid pace and will be taught partially in Hebrew.

For more information or to register, contact Daniel Silverman,
Director of Education, at 416-781-3514 ext. 231
or dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org



Tuning Up for the High Holy Days



We are delighted to announce that renowned Israeli *Hazzan*, Moshe Fishel will be returning to Beth Tzedec to join Cantor Sidney Ezer in leading services for the High Holy Days. In addition, Conductor Meir Briskman will once again join Beth Tzedec, leading the talented international choir, Lishmoa El Harina Ensemble. Maestro Briskman is already hard at work developing this year's repertoire together with *Hazzan* Fishel. We all look forward to an inspiring and engaging High Holy Day experience.

Member and past president Howard Black will join us on the Holy Days, leading *Shaharit* services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as our *sheliah tzibbur*.

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We are also excited to announce that Maestro Briskman will conduct members of the Lishmoa El Harina choir and join Cantor Sidney Ezer to lead what promises to be a most memorable *Selihot* service on Saturday evening, September 16.
(See page 2 for details.)

Everything's Coming Up Aces

In baseball, it is a nickname for a pitcher. In tennis, it is an unanswered serve. In golf, it is the elusive hole-in-one. At Beth Tzedec, ACE is our Annual, Capital and Endowment campaigns. All are good things, but at Beth Tzedec, ACEs are a real winning strategy to help make a big difference in our community.

For information on giving opportunities, contact Randy Spiegel at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 or rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org.



Milestones and celebrations



We can't share your good news unless you tell us about it. Send an email to thumphries@beth-tzedec.org, or call us at 416-781-3514 ext. 212. **Deadline for the next Bulletin covering October through December is July 24.**

Births

Hailey Paige, daughter of SHAUNA & ROBERT FONN, granddaughter of CAROL & SHELDON SILVER and ANITA & DES FONN, great-granddaughter of Anita Silver, born February 7.

Dean Harrison, son of ANGELA & JAMIE GREENBERG, grandson of BENITA & STEPHEN GREENBERG and ALLA KHELEM and GENA KHELEM, born March 13.

Noah Brady, son of SARAH & JORDAN APPLEBAUM, grandson of THE LATE NIKI BLEDIN, GEOFFREY BLEDIN, FRAN APPLEBAUM and STEVEN APPLEBAUM, born March 16.

Michael Dylan Melach, son of SANDRA & ERIC GOLDBERGER, grandson of ZINA & THE LATE MICHAEL GLASSMAN and ANNETTE & TOM GOLDBERGER, great-grandson of BAINA FRIDLYAND and MARTHA STERN, born March 25.

Poppy Evelyn Cohen, daughter of ETHEL & JONATHAN WEINER, granddaughter of RICKY & PETER COHEN and SHAHLA & BARRY WEINER, great-granddaughter of BETTY WEINER, born April 6.

Weddings

Nicole Rausch, daughter of RANDI & PAUL RAUSCH, and **Bradley Sage**, son of IRIS & LARRY SAGE, who were married November 26.

Marlee Goodman, daughter of RANDY & ANNETTE GOODMAN, and **Jason Libenson**, son of HOWARD & HELEN LIBENSON (of Montreal), who were married June 10.

Shannon Topper, daughter of FRANCES & DAVID TOPPER, granddaughter of RENEE & THE LATE VICTOR TOPPER and RON & ANNE PINCHEVSKY, and **Gabriel Diamond**, son of NINA & HARVEY DIAMOND, who were married June 29.

Rachel Shamis, daughter of STUART & LAURA SHAMIS, granddaughter of PERCY & MIRIAM URBACH, SHEILA SHAMIS and MORRIS SHAMIS & LOUISE WENDLING, and **Jonathan Berger**, son of SEYMOUR & DIANE BERGER, who will be married July 9.

Russell Samuels, son of CORINNE & JEFFREY SAMUELS, and **Elizabeth Jamieson**, daughter of ARLENE & DON JAMIESON, who will be married August 3.

Adam Halberstadt, son of REESA HALBERSTADT and JEFF HALBERSTADT, and **Laina Goldstein**, daughter of JOYCE GOLDSTEIN and NORM GOLDSTEIN, who will be married August 6.

Michelle Zimmerman, daughter of ANNA DAY & OSCAR ZIMMERMAN, and **Justin Benjamin Ash**, son of DIANE ASH and NORMAN ASH, who will be married August 6 (in New York, NY).

Ryan Gozlan, son of ALAN & RENEE GOZLAN, and **Lisa Renard**, daughter of STEPHEN & JACQUELINE RENARD, who will be married September 3.

Danny Richmond, son of MARY & LES RICHMOND, and **Sarah Schabas**, daughter of ALISON GIRLING & PAUL SCHABAS, who will be married September 17.

Congratulations to

Dana Aronowitz, who received a Teen Philanthropy Award from the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto in recognition of her involvement in inspiring *tzedakah*, *tikkun olam* and leadership.

Rabbi Adam Cutler, who was selected as the President of the Toronto Board of Rabbis.

Jamie Davis, who received a Leadership Development Award from the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto in recognition of his extraordinary commitment and service.

Dr. Mervyn & Frances Deitel, who celebrated their 55th anniversary on June 18.

Susan Femes, who received a Shem Tov Award from the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto in recognition of her excellence in volunteer service in Toronto's Jewish community.

Carol L. Grossman, who received the North Star Award given to teachers for outstanding achievement by the York Region District School Board.

Gail & Daniel Halbert, who celebrated their 30th anniversary on May 31.

Marilyn & Alfred Herman, who celebrated their 65th anniversary on June 26.

Alannah Mozes, daughter of CHERYL HERMAN & RAMI MOZES, granddaughter of MARILYN & ALFRED HERMAN and MARCEL AND THE LATE PEPI MOZES, who received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Osgoode Hall on June 23.

Rachael Mozes, daughter of CHERYL HERMAN & RAMI MOZES, granddaughter of MARILYN & ALFRED HERMAN and MARCEL AND THE LATE PEPI MOZES, who received her Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine from University College Dublin on June 19.

Jaime Polan, daughter of GARY & ALISON POLAN, granddaughter of THE LATE FRANK & AILEEN WOLFF and THE LATE AL & SARAH POLAN, and **Matthew Zimmerman**, son of DANNY & ARLYN ZIMMERMAN, grandson of ED & THE LATE SANDRA COOPERMAN and ZOLI & SARA ZIMMERMAN, on their engagement.

Dr. Sheldon and Patti Rotman, who will celebrate their 36th anniversary on July 5.

Joy Wagner Arbus, who received Israel Bond's Keshet Award in recognition of her longtime and unbreakable connection with the State of Israel.

Many Thanks to

Jennifer Wyman & Neil Zworth and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on August 27 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Roel Joseph Wyman**.

The Kachuck, Cohen and Rosenbluth Families, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on March 18 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **David Kachuck**.

Norman & Sharon Gottlieb, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 8 in honour of their Hebrew birthdays.

Dr. Coleman & Dr. Wendy Rotstein, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on April 8 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Eleanor Charney**.

Trudy, Debbie and Barry Shecter, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on April 8 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Max Shecter**.

The Tanenbaum Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 8 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Harold Tanenbaum**.

The Tanenbaum Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 11 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Anne Tanenbaum**.

Dr. Miriam Weinstein and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 17 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Michael Wohl**.

Ava Kanner & Norman Tobias, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 22 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Rabbi Joseph Kanner**.

Bernie Good, Alan Rosilio and Olivier Felicio, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on May 13 in honour of **Olivier Felicio**.

The Cepler and Sitzer Families, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 27 in honour of the marriage of **Adam Cepler & Nicole Sitzer**.

Janet, Edwin and Deborah Durbin, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 27 in honour of the marriage of **Anna Durbin & Neil Duchon**, and to commemorate the *yahrtzeiten* of **David Durbin** and **Alex Devon**.

Laurence & Vera Finkelstein, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on June 1 in honour of **Vera's** special birthday.

Harold & Carole Wolfe, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on June 17 in honour of the anniversary of **Harold's** Bar Mitzvah.

Oscar Zimmerman & Anna Day and Diane Ash and Norman Ash, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on June 22 in honour of the marriage of **Michelle Zimmerman & Justin Benjamin Ash**.

Barry Schwartz & Cheryl Kaplan, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on August 12 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Abe Schwartz**.

John Black & Eve Rubenzahl, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on September 2 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Noah Black**.

Hartley & Mandi Andrews, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on September 9 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Carsyn Andrews**.

Justin Lapedus and Danielle Lapedus, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on September 16 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jake Lapedus**.

Short & Sweet

Multi-Generational Service

Shabbat, July 8

10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

School might be out, but shul is still happening! Experience Shabbat morning together at this participatory service especially for families with young children. A complimentary dairy lunch follows.

In Search of God

We are all part of an intricate dance of humanity that takes us along the path of life.



OFTEN IN MY SPACE I DISCUSS THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF our members, leadership and staff. All play a role in the design and delivery of programs and services for the Congregation. Our shul offers the most diverse and extensive number of events for children, parents, adults and families of any congregation in North America. Our Synagogue is THE place where individuals and groups can connect with our Creator and each other. At 1700 Bathurst Street, we are a collection of sacred and *simhah* spaces where, from birth to death, we gather and collectively experience Jewish life. We share moments of great joy and great sadness. We search and argue and debate in what often feels like a one-way conversation with our God; and it is “God” to whom we turn, or search for, to give context to who we are and why we are here.

The God of our ancestors and enemies, the God of our parents and our children, in whatever form, resides in our building and in our lives. Our Synagogue is a sacred place, not a pop-up shul or roving minyan, it is rooted in tradition and a place where moments of great discomfort can be experienced and strength gained. It’s where we hug and cry and dance and laugh with each other. It’s in our classrooms and meeting rooms that we learn and teach Torah, debate the law, perform *mitzvot* helping the less fortunate or those who need a place to share their life struggles. It’s in our gym that pre-teens sleep over or play floor hockey, our clergy offices where children prepare for their b’nei mitzvah, our banquet halls where we dance with joy, where singles meet, and it is in our Sanctuary that families and individuals stand before the Holy Ark, before the Torah that was given to Moses on Mount Sinai, and spend a private moment contemplating the complexities and blessings of life in prayer. It’s on our *bimah* where the bride and groom commit to a life together, a sacred union performed before God, before the eyes of all Israel.

We are all part of an intricate dance of humanity that takes us along the path of life. What binds us together, more than anything, is our belief in and our search for a meaningful relationship with our Creator. However one may think or conceive of God, it is the God of our forefathers and foremothers who is central to the Jewish religion and Jewish people. It is God to whom we turn at all times, and as difficult as it may be, to walk with together. It is your God with whom you may seek to develop a relationship and experience a peace.

The search for God is not easy and may be a lifelong pursuit. In our *kehillah*, our Congregation and our caring family, the search for meaning, for understanding the God-inspired qualities that make up who we are, gives meaning to how we live. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote that not only does man search for God, but the search is reciprocal. In his book *God in Search of Man*, he writes that there is a sacred relationship between the Jewish people and God, each seeking to find meaning and relevance in the other. It is our challenge to find the spirit to serve a greater purpose, to rise above our basic needs “to serve higher ends”. In doing so, we consecrate our relationship and achieve a higher purpose through living.

Your shul is always open and your clergy are at the ready. How you choose to conduct your search, how you nurture your relationship with God is personal. The key is to start and continue the process. As Joshua Becker writes, using a concept that is essential in all transactions and relationships, “there is indeed great joy to be found in the process—not just the outcome”.

We welcome you to embark on or continue your personal journey to find joy, and within our sacred spaces, grow, live and breathe ‘Jewish’.



From Delis to Dairy: Kibitzing about Kensington’s Early Jewish Restaurants

Wednesday, November 15

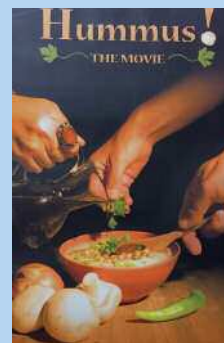
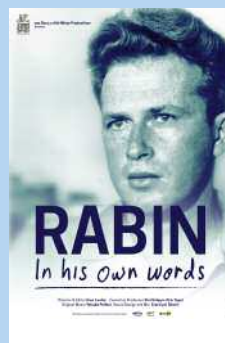
Watch for details coming soon.



Summer Film Series

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM

Beth Tzedec brings back the ever-popular summer series schedule with a four-week film series every Wednesday night in July. No charge; everyone welcome.



July 5

To Life!

Director: Uwe Janson

In this moving drama, fate introduces the aging cabaret singer Ruth and the confused young man Jonas. Ruth is running from her past and Jonas from his future but the two together manage to reaffirm life for each other. German with English subtitles

Following the screening, join us for a short presentation by John Anhang, who will share the story of his decision to donate a kidney.

July 12

The Women's Balcony

Director: Emil Ben-Shimon

In this good-hearted tale about women speaking truth to patriarchal power—Israel's #1 film of the year—an accident during a bar mitzvah celebration leads to a gender rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem. Hebrew with English subtitles

July 19

Rabin in His Own Words

Director: Erez Laufer

Told entirely in Yitzhak Rabin's own voice through a combination of rare archival footage, home movies and private letters, this virtual autobiography reveals his personal and professional dramas. Hebrew with English subtitles

July 26

Hummus! The Movie

Writer-Director: Oren Rosenfeld

Travel around the world and across religious and cultural divides to discover the origins of this nutritious chickpea dish, meeting a diverse group of hummus disciples along the way! English, Arabic and Hebrew with subtitles

For more information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or email info@beth-tzedec.org

Sponsored in part by the generous support of the Beth Tzedec Men's Club

Sharing, Borrowing and Culturally Appropriating



Jewish tradition suggests that when we do take from another, we must be sensitive to how such borrowing will be interpreted. (Excerpted from Rav Adam's Pesach sermon.)

IN HIS 1993 SHOW, FAMED FASHION designer Jean Paul Gaultier sent models down the runway in black frocks and fur hats. In a two-word phrase that I am certain had never been used before, and will likely never be used again, he called the show 'Rabbi Chic'. Model after model showed off *payes*-like hair—all to the wonder-filled oohs and aahs of the assembled fashionistas.

The response from the Hasidic community was anger. Gaultier later explained that "[t]he catalyst for the ... collection was a trip to New York ... I saw a group of rabbis ... I found them very beautiful, very elegant, with their hats and their huge coats flapping in the wind."

Gaultier's intention clearly wasn't to offend, but rather to draw inspiration, perhaps even to celebrate. But Jews took the entire show as an affront to their heritage and lived culture.

Jews should be especially sensitive to the challenges and possibilities of cultural sharing, some of which should be considered appropriation, while some is better categorized as natural trans-cultural diffusion. As Jews, we have long understood what happens when our sacred treasures are taken by others. Just as importantly, as a people whose presence has spanned the globe, we are fully aware of the benefits of assimilating foreign ideas, styles and tastes.

Philo and Maimonides proudly borrowed from Greek thought in their development of a Jewish philosophy. Modern Zionism grounds itself in the Bible as much as in 19th

century notions of nationalism. The very idea of monotheism is arguably not originally Jewish, but borrowed (or perhaps appropriated) from others.

One need not look back to radical fashion shows to grow uncomfortable with non-Jews using Jewish culture in ways that are manifestly not Jewish. Though it has a long history, Christian seders around Passover time are more popular than ever. Non-Jews are now routinely celebrating faux-mitzvah parties when their children turn 13 and getting married under a *huppah*. I imagine that many Jews would be uncomfortable with a non-Jew writing a Torah scroll and calling it art, or perhaps even with a philo-Semite wearing a Magen David necklace, even though the Star of David itself was used for centuries by Jews, Christians and Muslims alike. It is worth considering how a survivor might feel about a fictional Holocaust film written and directed by Tahitians (or for that matter, the grandchildren of Nazis).

When elements of our cultural life are taken on by non-Jews, should we be flattered or offended? When we borrow from others, how do we differentiate between appreciating and appropriating?

Historically, Jews have felt good when Yiddish words entered the non-Jewish lexicon. The use of 'oy vey' and 'nosh' by politicians was seen not as cultural appropriation, but as an indicator that we've made it.

While some borrowings from Jewish culture are ultimately appreciated, others are less desirable.

Instructively, though perhaps tongue-in-cheek, the 'This is Not Jewish' Tumblr blog notes that for the non-Jew who loves Hebrew, appreciation would be to learn to read, speak and write Hebrew, while appropriation would be tattooing it on your body.

Jewish tradition suggests that when we do take from another, we must be sensitive to how such borrowing will be interpreted. The *Talmud* writes of a wealthy man who became poor. The great sage Hillel was so sensitive to his feelings, that not only did Hillel acquire for this man his basic necessities—as would be required for any indigent individual, Hillel also bought a horse and hired servants for the man who was accustomed to such luxuries. When one day no servants were available, Hillel himself served as his slave. Hillel teaches of the need to be extra sensitive to the feelings of others, even if it feels at times to go well beyond what is necessary.

I am hopeful that artists and thinkers, writers and philosophers can be inspired by cultures not of their own. I am equally hopeful that we all can recognize and act upon the reasonable sensitivities of those for whom culture or parts thereof are sacred—those who feel that the best parts of their culture are being taken, while they themselves are left behind.

For the full text of Rav Adam's article on cultural appropriation, visit blogs.timesofisrael.com/jews-may-share-and-borrow-but-we-dont-give-out-appropriation-prize.

CS | X Congregational School Experience



CS | X is an exciting combination of Jewish learning experiences for children from JK to Grade 7.

Directed by an accomplished educational professional and staffed by well qualified teachers, CS | X makes a personal connection with every child.

At **CS | X** your child will:

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- Have the opportunity to meet other children and make friends
- Establish a vibrant link to Israel
- Begin a path to a more meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience



For more information, visit www.jex-bt.org, call Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or email dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org



For families with children up to 6 years old

**YOUNG FAMILIES
WELCOME BACK**

BBQ

**Sunday, September 10
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

Come join us as we mark the end of the summer and the beginning of a new year with a BBQ gathering for families! Lunch will be served; veggie options are available. Activities for the kids to get excited for the High Holy Days, and beverages for the adults—what could be more fun?

Cost: \$10 per participant. RSVPs requested by **Tuesday, September 5.**

For information or to reserve, contact Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or stoby@beth-tzedec.org.

Will the Activist Leaders Please Stand Up

Turning a challenge or a complaint into an opportunity is not always easy.



THE TORAH READINGS OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS ARE engrained in my head. Having gone to Jewish summer camp, I not only heard and re-heard these *parshiyot* for over 15 years in a row, but also heard the same explanations of the stories and the same interpretations about how they applied to being a camper, and later, a staff member. What makes this collection of *parshiyot* interesting is that they portray the Israelites as constant complainers. Now, at camp there was always something to complain about—the bugs, the weather being too hot or too cold, the food or challenges with friends and bunk-mates. These stories were definitely relatable.

In synagogue settings, however, these *parshiyot* are read at what is usually a quiet time of the year. Schools are not in session, programming is lighter, clergy and staff take well-deserved vacation time and Shabbat attendance is lighter. But in this quieter time as an adult, I've been able to take in these *parshiyot* in a different way and they have left me with a question that is very challenging.

Through all of the Israelites' complaining, why is there so rarely someone who stands up to take the people in a new direction? Moses, the leader, usually turns to God to complain about the complaining, and God usually brings down a punishment on the people as a result of their bad behaviour, disobedience or general *kvetchiness*. In only two situations do individuals from within the community stand up and take action. In one case, Joshua and Caleb try to convince the people not to accept the negative scouting report of the Land of Israel offered by their spying colleagues, but to no avail. Later, Pinhas, grandson of Aaron the High Priest (hardly an average Joe Israelite), kills two people engaged in an illicit relationship. He may have addressed the problem with action, but the methodology is highly questionable.

So why didn't more individuals—at least as recorded in the Torah—stand up, tell the people to pull up their

bootstraps and deal with the situation at hand in a different way? I draw parallels to some of the challenges facing our local Jewish community and those around the continent and globe. In some places, the response to challenges is to *kvetch*, to lay blame, to pontificate about what's gone wrong and what is needed to fix it, but not to take positive action. In other places, challenges are seen as opportunities for innovation, experimentation, new thinking and coalition-building.

Turning a challenge or a complaint into an opportunity is not always easy. As a young people recently removed from slavery, it is not surprising that the Israelites weren't able to do this, nor it is shocking that Moses, for all his strengths, couldn't withstand endless complaining and rebellion. Yet for us today, at Beth Tzedec and in Toronto, we do have the capacity, willingness and the mandate to turn lemons into lemonade. This past year has provided countless examples from within our congregational family—deciding to engage in more partnership programming in order to increase the quality and reach of what we do; experimenting with different Shabbat and holiday services and configurations; having clergy step up to fill in and teach Dr. Ages' Shabbat morning class; and launching a new stream in our Congregational School for students with day school backgrounds. These and many more initiatives were championed by activist leaders within our Congregation, people who saw opportunities about to be missed and helped them be converted, or foresaw negative outcomes if things continued on the same path.

Always driving forward, always trying to make lemonade from lemons is tiring; it even wore Moses down. But there is strength in numbers and in shared purpose. Let's take the summer to refresh, recharge, see things from a different perspective and already start to turn opportunities into wonderful successes.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

A New Look at Torah Through the Ages with Dr. Arnold Ages

Thursdays at 10:00 AM, returning September 7.

Sponsored by the John and Molly Pollock Lectures



ECRUSY Spring Convention

It was not *all* fun and games at ECRUSY's spring convention at the Mansfield Outdoor Centre in May ... Actually, maybe it was!



BTUSY Closing Program

On June 4, teens in the BTUSY program closed another amazing year of programs with some good-natured fun, and geared up for next year's schedule with their Chapter elections. Mazal tov to BTUSY President Sam Aronoff and Events Coordinator VP Isaiah Zabitsky.



BTUSY Paint Night

Fellowship and fine arts! Teens took the opportunity to perfect their artistic skills creating Israel-themed images at BTUSY's paint night program.

The Little Red Car: A Story for Toddlers



There was once a little red car that couldn't go. "Umph! Umph!" He would try very hard. "I think I can! I think I can!" he said. But he just couldn't. A blue car, an orange car, and a purple car passed by the little red car and went, "Vroom! Vroom! We are so lucky to all be together on such a beautiful day! Why don't you come and drive with us?" The little red car really wanted to go with them. "Umph! Umph!" He tried very hard. "I think I can! I think I can!" he said. But he just couldn't.

Next, a silver bus and a yellow bus came vroom-ing pass by the little red car. And as they did, they called out, "Honk! Honk! We are so lucky to all be together on such a beautiful day! Why don't you come and drive with

us?" The little red car wanted to go so much.

"Umph! Umph!" He tried extra hard. "I think I can! I think I can!" he said. But he still couldn't.

Just then a boy came by holding his parents hands on his way back from school. He saw the little red car trying so hard to go. "Umph! Umph! I think I can! I think I can!" he heard the car saying. So the boy turned to the car and said, "Oh, little red car, you'll never go fast that way. You think you can do it all by yourself, but you forgot all about your family and friends! Our community helps us do everything!"

Then the little red car remembered that the blue, orange and purple car, and the silver and yellow school buses were only able to move so fast because

they were surrounded by their family and friends. Family even made the little boy go too. He thanked the helpful boy, and then he just started laughing.

"Hee! Hee! Hee! Ha! Ha!" He was laughing so much because he thought they were doing everything all by themselves! So, the little red car drove home and called, "Abba. Ima, let's go for a drive!" and together then went on an adventure. Zoom Zoom!

Just like the little red car, our community is what drives us forward. I'm blessed to be part of such an amazing *Kehilla*, and wouldn't be able to do all this amazing youth and family programming without everyone. I hope everyone has an amazing summer, and I'm looking forward to an amazing year of programming together.

BT Connect.

A Mentorship Program for Young Entrepreneurs

What is BT Connect?

BT Connect is a seven-month mentorship program for Beth Tzedec's young entrepreneurs (aged 19-40) to gain valuable business advice and guidance from seasoned entrepreneurs and business executives from the Beth Tzedec community. The program runs from October through April, and will include an opening event in addition to at least four (4) one-to-one mentorship sessions.

Apply Now

For more details or to apply, visit www.btmentorship.ca.



Tuesday, September 12
5:00 to 8:00 PM

Our doors are open for you to discover all Beth Tzedec has to offer at our annual new year barbecue!

- * Meet our exceptional clergy and leadership
- * Tour our extensive facilities, including our Mezzanine Banquet Hall
- * Meet representatives from Applause Catering
- * Members can pick up their High Holy Day ticket packages if they have not received them by mail

Step through our doors and know you've come home!

RSVPs for the BBQ and Open House requested by Friday, September 16 to 416-781-3511.

For membership information, contact Klara Romm at 416-781-3514 ext. 220 or kromm@beth-tzedec.org.

High Holy Days—*Ticket Pick-up Information*

Thursday, September 14 – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday, September 15 – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Sunday, September 17 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Monday, September 18 – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Tuesday, September 19 – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

*Wednesday, September 20 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

**This is Erev Rosh Hashbanah - The High Holy Day ticket office will close promptly at 12:00 NOON*

Friday, September 1 is the last day we will mail High Holy Day tickets. After that date, members must come to the Synagogue office to pick them up.

Online Membership Payments

A reminder that our Beth Tzedec Membership Account website is online. As a member, you can log in and manage your account through our Home page.

To access your account, visit our website, www.beth-tzedec.org, and click on the 'Login/Register' button in the top right corner of the Home page. You will require a User ID and Password. Your User ID is your Member ID which will be located on your statement. If you have not visited your online account in the past, a password will be sent with your membership renewal package. After you log in, you may change your password at any time.

To view your statement and pay your account, click on 'Your Membership Statement' and follow the directions on the screen.

Please also take a few minutes to review and update your personal information.

If you have any questions or you encounter any technical issues, please contact Klara Romm at 416-781-3514 ext. 220 or kromm@beth-tzedec.org.

Membership Matters

Membership Committee co-chairs Ilene Flatt and Sharon Yale update some activities of their committee.

REACHING OUT AND ENGAGING OUR MEMBERS ...

We were excited to welcome fifteen of our new members as guests of our congregation for Shabbat dinner on May 12. It was an inspiring and joyful Kabbalat Shabbat followed by a delicious dinner and insightful learning opportunity with Rabbi David Hoffman, vice chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary. We look forward to further engaging our new members throughout the year to enrich their Beth Tzedec membership experience.

Our *mishloach manot* program brought the Purim spirit and smiles to our university and college student members. We received notes of appreciation from both students and parents. There is no cost to our student members; you give us the school address, and we do the rest. To receive a *mishloach manot* treat package next year, please send us your university/college mailing information by January 19, 2018.



Noah and Adam Gropper in appreciation of their Purim surprises

COMMUNITY COUNTS ...

Membership renewal has started. Thank you to everyone who responded to inquiries about their fair share assessment, and provided information to help keep our records current. Our goal is to treat all members with respect and sensitivity, and to maintain the integrity of our system by setting contributions that are fair and affordable. Your support ensures that Beth Tzedec will always be here for you. Please note that all membership contributions are tax deductible.

We welcome and encourage prospective members to join our community to participate in our multitude of services, programs, holiday celebrations, and learning opportunities.

The membership office is always open; stop by to say hello and share any suggestions, or concerns.

Please direct all membership matters to Klara Romm, membership and development coordinator, at 416-781-3514, ext. 220 or KRomm@beth-tzedec.org.

—Ilene Flatt and Sharon Yale,
Co-Chairs, Membership Committee

The Beth Tzedec Sisterhood extends warm wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year to our members and friends.

We welcome involvement from the membership in our programs. If you are interested in taking on a more active role or attending a Sisterhood Board meeting, please contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 with your name, phone number and/or email address.

 BETH TZEDEC
בית צדק SISTERHOOD

Cherry Liqueur Workshop

with Yacov Fruchter

Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 PM

Sour cherry season is here!

Why not turn them into the perfect *l'chaim* to share with your family on Rosh Hashanah. Yacov Fruchter will teach you three different techniques that have been passed down in his family.

Cost: \$20 per person (includes light dinner and 375ml of cherry liqueur to take home). RSVPs requested **by Wednesday, July 12.**

For information or to RSVP, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.



SHABBAT in the PARK

with Annex Shul for 20s & 30s

Friday, August 11
beginning at 6:30 PM

Join Beth Tzedec's 20s & 30s and Annex Shul for a potluck Shabbat dinner and contemplative service in the park. Watch for details coming soon.

For information or to RSVP, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.



Downtown Lunch 'n' Learn for 20s & 30s

with Yacov Fruchter

Tuesday, September 12
from 12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM

Take a break from your busy day for some Jewish learning. You bring your lunch and Yacov Fruchter will bring some Torah to dig into.

Location:
920 Yonge St., Suite 604.

For information, contact
Yacov Fruchter at 416-781-3514
ext. 279 or yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org



Mother's Day Chai Tea @ BT ... C'est Magnifique!

MOTHER'S DAY AT BETH TZEDEC IS always a très mémorable event, and this year was no exception!

SPRINGTIME IN PARIS, our ninth annual Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show was a profound success. For over two and a half hours, the beautifully transformed Herman Banquet Hall buzzed with excitement with over 200 women of all ages in attendance!

Applause's outstanding French-inspired menu, combined with the sounds of Jet Entertainment, an haute couture fashion show, raffle prizes galore, Eiffel Tower mirrors for every guest, a very interactive "What's in Your Purse?" game and a fabulous professional Can-Can dance production left the crowd wanting for more!

We are indebted to Options for Her and Whistlekids for their ongoing support by providing the outstanding fashions for both our

adult and young adult models.

Thank you to our models: Ryla Braemar and her daughters Lev and Sheelo Fruchter, Alyssa Grossman, Donna Isaacson and her daughter Joni Cohen, Dorion Liebgott, Marcie Mansfield, Avital Narvey, Klara Romm, Clare Shapiro, Fay Wilks and her niece Marlee Wilks, sisters Bailey and Mia Wolfe and Sharon Yale and her daughter Emily Teichman.

A special thanks to the Libby & Jack Orenstein Institute for Adult Education and the Pollock and Gold families for their generous sponsorships. An additional thank you to Beth Tzedec's Sisterhood and Men's Club for their continued support of the event, and to our office and custodial staff for their assistance every step of the way.

Many thanks to all those who placed greetings in our *Women of Honour* booklet, honouring or

acknowledging the memory of all the special women in their lives. A further thank you to those businesses and individuals who generously contributed prizes for our raffle. We appreciate the kindness and generosity of our donors and look forward to their continued support of this remarkable "friendraiser".

As in previous years, we are delighted to contribute the proceeds of this event directly to Beth Tzedec's Out of the Cold Program to help defray the costs our synagogue incurs to sustain this important initiative.

Be sure to mark Sunday, May 13, 2018 on your calendar as we gather under the Beth Tzedec Big Top for our tenth annual Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show—A DAY AT THE CIRCUS!

Merci.

—Patti Rotman and the 2017 Chai Tea & Fashion Show Committee





Tuesday, October 10
4:00 to 5:30 PM

Join Beth Tzedec and Robbins Hebrew Academy in the sukkah and celebrate the holiday with music, food, drinks and fun. This is a great way to get in the Sukkot spirit and have fun after school.

No charge; everyone welcome. RSVPs appreciated to the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 by Monday, October 2.

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Shabbat @ Beth Tzedec

Short & Sweet Intergenerational Service: Summer Edition

(especially for families with young children)

Shabbat, July 8

10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

School might be out, but shul is still happening! Experience Shabbat morning together at this 90-minute participatory service geared especially to families with young children. There will be breakout sessions by age and stage, a toddler play area and snacks for all children. A complimentary dairy lunch follows.

Li'l Minyans

(children up to age 5 with a parent)

10:15 AM to 12:00 NOON

Looking for an opportunity to spend a fun and educational Shabbat morning with your children? Drop off your children for our nursery program, then come back at 10:45 AM for a 45-minute interactive service with age-appropriate *davening*, singing, storytelling, healthy snacks and guided play. Beginning September 9, we will meet at 9:30 AM.

Junior Congregation

(ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 12)

10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

beginning September 9

A dynamic drop-off program with activities, games, engaging and creative prayer, and quality time with our new *shinshinim*, Maayan Lange and Ishay Frenkel.

For Children 0 to 5 and their Families

Welcome Back BBQ

Sunday, September 10

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Join us at Cedarvale Park to mark the end of the summer and the beginning of a new year with a BBQ for families with young children! Lunch will be served; veggie options are available. Activities for the kids to get excited for the High Holy Days, and beverages for the adults—what could be more fun? Cost: \$10 per participant. RSVP by Tuesday, September 5.

Little Thinkers Tot Program

(18 months and older with an adult)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

9:30 to 11:00 AM

Give your 'little thinker' a flying start with this joint program presented by Robbins Hebrew Academy and Beth Tzedec. Children will develop early critical thinking skills while participating in music and movement activities, Judaic and special Shabbat programs and much more. For information, contact Michael Ferman at 416-224-8737 ext. 137 or mferman@rhacademy.ca.

For Children in SK to Grade 5

E-Zone Welcome Back Party!

(for Grades 1 to 5)

Sunday, September 17

2:00 to 6:00 PM

Celebrate the start of a new year at E-Zone with whirley ball, laser tag, bowling, arcade games and more. Drop-off and pick-up is from the Beth Tzedec parking lot. Cost: \$30 (includes transportation, admission and dairy dinner). Preregister by Monday, September 11.

For Kids in Grades 6 to 8 (Kadima)

Kadima Limo Sukkah Hop

(for Grades 6 to 8)

Monday, October 9

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Travel in style and visit sukkahs from ‘around the world’! Come hungry for a delicious, themed dinner and hilarious activities at every stop. Program leaves from the Beth Tzedec parking lot at 5:00 PM sharp. Cost: \$20 (includes activities and dinner). RSVP by Monday, October 2.

For Teens in Grades 9 to 12 (BTUSY)

BTUSY Opening Program

Sunday, September 17 Time: TBC

Teens from Beth Tzedec and Beth David get together for social action/*tikkun olam* projects. Watch for details coming soon.

For Families

Family Friday Nights

Fridays, July 14 and August 18 6:00 PM

Join us for a song-filled Kabbalat Shabbat and potluck dinner especially for families. Weather permitting, we will meet in the backyard at 15 Avenal. No charge. For more details about this program, please see the bottom of page 36. Pre-registration required.

Pizza in the Hut Sukkah Party

Tuesday, October 10

4:00 to 5:30 PM

Calling all Beth Tzedec and Robbins Hebrew Academy families. Meet in the Beth Tzedec sukkah and celebrate the holiday with music, food, drinks and fun. This is a great way to get in the Sukkot spirit and have fun after school. No charge and everyone is welcome. RSVP by Monday, October 2.

Family Simḥat Torah Celebration

Thursday, October 12

5:15 to 7:15 PM

Enjoy holiday crafts, games and a kids’ Torah parade (recommended for children up to age 7), followed by a dinner for pre-registered families of all ages beginning at 6:15 PM. The party continues at our synagogue-wide *Hakafot* with singing, dancing, candy, food and drinks. Cost for dinner: \$20 for adults, \$15 children (ages 13 and under). Dinner reservations required by Monday, October 2.

For information about Youth & Family programs, contact Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 229 or stoby@beth-tzedec.org.

For information about *BTUSY* programs, contact Jessie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 229 or jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org.

High Holy Day Volunteers

Calling all 2017-2018 High School Students (Grades 9 to 12): Would you like to volunteer on the High Holy Days? We are looking for volunteers to help in the youth activity rooms and other places in the Synagogue. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jessie Greenspan. You will receive more information about volunteering and training sessions after you sign up.

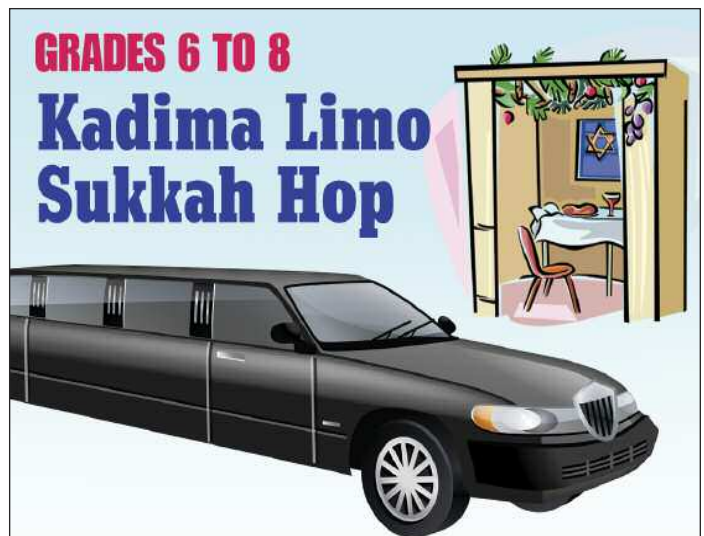


Sunday, September 17 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Grab some friends and celebrate the start of a new year at E-Zone where we will play whirley ball, laser tag, bowling, arcade games and more.

Cost: \$30 (includes admission, transportation and dairy dinner). Advance registration required by **Monday, September 11.**

To register please contact: Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or stoby@beth-tzedec.org.



**GRADES 6 TO 8
Kadima Limo
Sukkah Hop**

Monday, October 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Travel in style as we visit sukkahs from “around the world”! Come hungry for a delicious, themed dinner and hilarious activities at every stop.

Cost: \$20 (includes activities and dinner). Pick-up from the Beth Tzedec parking lot at 5:00 PM sharp.

Advance registration required to Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or stoby@beth-tzedec.org by **Monday, October 2.**



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EXPERIMENTAL NOW MORNING

Shabbat mornings,
August 19 & 26
at 10:00 AM

Join Yacov Fruchter for a short and sweet *Shaharit* service followed by an experiential Torah study. A Congregational kiddush follows. Everyone welcome.

For information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

Kehillah Inclusion Service for the High Holy Days

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Rosh Hashanah—Thursday and Friday, September 21 and 22
Yom Kippur—Shabbat, September 30
10:30 to 11:15 AM

Beth Tzedec is pleased to once again offer the Kehillah Inclusion Service, an adapted service for individuals with special needs and their families. Led by veteran educators under the direction of Raquel Binder and Lindsay Malc, this service offers a hands-on, spiritually uplifting and educationally exciting holiday experience for every participant. Open to members and non-members, the Kehillah Inclusion Service is for the whole community.

To ensure your spot and for other inquiries, please contact 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.



Our Shabbat Service Experiences

Kabbalat Shabbat Summer Services *Every Friday night.* Beginning June 30, services will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Check our weekly e-newsletter, *The Week Ahead*, our website and monthly calendars for locating service and candle lighting times.

Sanctuary Services 8:45 AM, *every Shabbat.*

Our musical Sanctuary Service offers a complete spiritual and liturgical Shabbat experience with Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl and Adam Cutler, Cantor Sidney Ezer and Lorne Hanick. Lift your soul in prayer as you sing along, or close your eyes in meditation and be carried away by our inspirational Shabbat morning service.

Little Minyan Services 9:30 AM, *beginning September 9.*

Looking to be more actively involved in the worship experience? The Little Minyan offers a traditional service in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere full of song, spirit

and warmth. Participants lead portions of the service, and Little Minyan tunes are available on request. Contact Cantor Sidney Ezer or Lorne Hanick to arrange to learn to lead parts of the service. Torah readers, *daveners* and those wishing to deliver a *D'var Torah* are always welcome.

A Short & Sweet Intergenerational Service:

Summer Edition 10:30 AM, *Shabbat, July 8.*

School might be out, but shul is still happening! Experience Shabbat morning together at this 90-minute participatory service geared especially to families with young children. There will be breakout sessions by age and stage, a toddler play area and snacks for all children. A complimentary dairy lunch follows.

For information on Shabbat Youth programming, see pages 27 and 28.

Can't Get Enough Torah? Here's more!



Torah Talk with Daniel Silverman

9:30 to 10:30 AM every Shabbat, beginning September 9

A new look at the traditional and modern interpretations of the weekly Torah reading with Daniel Silverman.

Torah Next Dor with Rabbi Adam Cutler, Yacov Fruchter and Friends

11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON on September 16

Join our 20s & 30s in Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's study as we eat, drink and examine pressing topics from sources both ancient and modern.

Jewish Meditation with Michelle Katz

10:00 to 11:15 AM on September 9 and October 14

For men and women, centred on texts from our tradition, eliciting response and deep listening—a doorway to enhanced prayer. For more information, see page 50.



Li'l Minyans News

Summer: 10:15 AM to 12:00 NOON

Beginning in September: 9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Drop off your kids for our fun and educational nursery program, then come back to join us at 10:45 AM for an interactive service that includes age-appropriate davening, singing, storytelling, healthy snacks and guided play.



Strategic Plan Survey Update

With the completion of the Strategic Plan, we share some key observations gleaned from the Congregational Survey.

IN A RECENT BETH TZEDEC BULLETIN, we presented the structure of our new Strategic Plan. With its six key strategy statements, our Strategic Plan was informed by input from the Congregation contributed through town hall meetings, focus groups, and our Congregational Survey, as well as from our Klei Kodesh and Staff, and the community beyond Beth Tzedec. It sets out the strategic direction that the Board wishes to take as we chart a course for the coming 5-10 years.

The Board, Klei Kodesh, committees and staff have begun using the Strategic Plan and its six key strategies to guide their planning, even as the Beth Tzedec leadership works to develop goals, objective measurements, and a system to monitor progress, including evaluating (and if necessary, revising) the Strategic Plan to ensure that it remains a living document, responsive to emerging and future needs as they evolve. On a practical level, the Strategic Plan is being used to assist our annual budgeting process, give direction to our Rabbinical and Cantorial Search Committees, and give our committees, Klei Kodesh and staff guidance and a checklist to refer to in carrying out their responsibilities.

Now that the Strategic Plan is complete, we would like to share some key observations gleaned from the Congregational Survey. Although the Survey input was important to our planning process, it was not the only data we relied upon. The Survey was not intended to serve as a popular vote; it was designed to enable us to better understand the membership which the Strategic Plan is intended to serve. We looked for insights about our families and single members, their

Jewish practices and their relationship with Beth Tzedec.

We included questions about people's likes and preferences to help guide leadership for the future. The information collected, in aggregate, provided helpful insights and included hundreds of pages of comments in response to the Survey's open-ended questions, which were provided in full (but anonymously) to the entire Strategic Planning Committee. Our thanks to the Committee members for their tremendous work in studying the past in order to plan for our future.

First, some facts and figures: 979 individuals participated in some part of the Survey, and 616 people (or two-thirds of respondents) completed the entire Survey. Roughly one-third of respondents dropped out without finishing the Survey or skipped questions that were not perceived as relevant. **A note of caution—when various percentages are included here, they are offered as highlights and therefore will not add to 100%.**

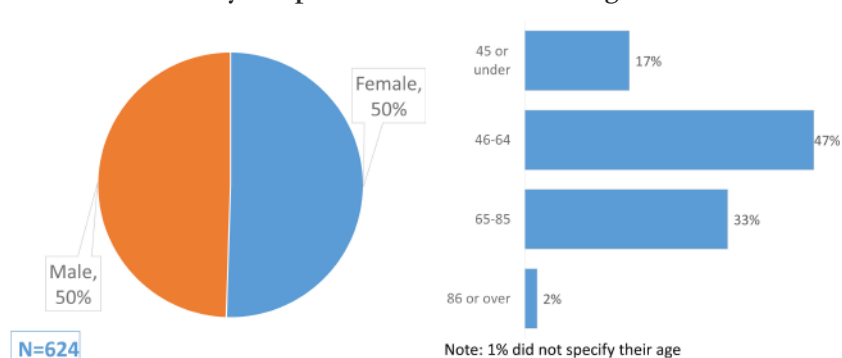
47% of those who responded were ages 45-64; 33% were ages 65-84; and 17% were age 44 or younger. 52% of respondents have been members for 30 or more years, and 50% of respondents

said their parents are members (26% had grandparents as members).

Almost all respondents (92%) regularly attend High Holy Day services and 58% regularly attend Festival/Yizkor services (28% occasionally), while only 22% regularly attend Shabbat morning services (42% occasionally). The vast majority never attend weekday morning (76%) or evening (78%) services or Kabbalat Shabbat services (67%). 65% prefer to attend the Sanctuary service on Shabbat morning; 18% prefer the Little Minyan.

In terms of High Holy Day service preferences, 80% say they attend the Sanctuary service and 35% choose the Parallel service for at least one day, with 29% reporting that they attend the Family Service at least once over the High Holy Days. 18% report having tried the Short & Sweet or Meditative service options. Many respondents report being comfortable reading Hebrew (64%), preferring to pray primarily in Hebrew (60%) and enjoying traditional cantorial/choral music (69%). 36% prefer to pray primarily in English. About 2/3 enjoy praying with a choir, and 1/3 prefer praying without. A High Holy Day

Profile of Survey Respondents: Gender and Age



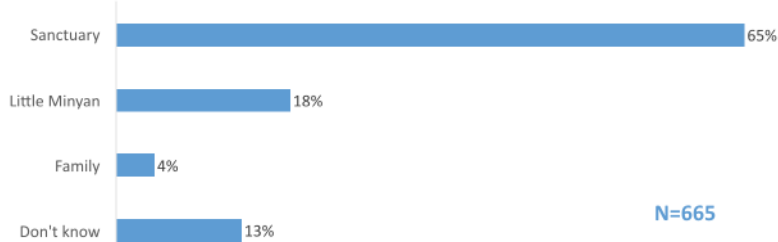
Survey Respondents: Services Attended

	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
	%	%	%
Weekday morning (Shaharit) services	2	22	76
Weekday evening (Minhah/Ma'ariv) services	1	21	78
Friday evening (Kabbalat Shabbat) services	2	31	67
Shabbat morning services	22	42	36
High Holy Day services	92	4	4
Festival services / Yizkor services	58	28	14

Note: % add across

N=812

Survey Respondents: Preferred Shabbat Morning Service



N=665

Survey was conducted this past fall, separate from the Survey whose results are included here.

When asked about the importance of their membership at Beth Tzedec, just over half (53%) feel their membership is very important; fewer (40%) have a strong sense of long-term commitment to the Synagogue, and one-third (33%) registered high levels of satisfaction overall with Beth Tzedec. There were relatively small differences, on average, across age groups or by gender.

The Survey asked people to compare the importance of ten specific aspects of Synagogue membership with their satisfaction level. This comparison highlighted key areas of strengths and weaknesses.

The areas that rated highly in terms of both importance and satisfaction and were therefore seen as strengths were: *spiritual leadership and guidance*, *access to clergy in times of need*, *overall values/approach to Judaism* and *feeling comfortable in the synagogue*. The areas that were perceived as being important but with lower levels of

satisfaction, indicating that attention is needed, were: *adapting to serve the needs of younger generations* and *ensuring an affordable dues structure*. Other aspects which require focus were: *feeling part of the synagogue community* and *being part of an inclusive synagogue*.

When indicating the relative importance of the various programs and facilities the Synagogue provides, life cycle events rank highest, followed closely by the Bar/Bat Mitzvah program. The various categories of programming based on members' age and stage of life are also considered very important by a large majority of respondents. Having a Library and Museum rank lowest.

When asked to rank the priorities on which the Synagogue should focus, among being a place for prayer, learning or community activities, a strong majority (75%) assign first priority for the synagogue as a *place for prayer*. A clear majority identify *place of learning* priority as second (56%) and *place for community activities* is the clear third priority (59%).

The Congregation was consulted about aspects related to a rabbinical search. There was strong consensus for a rabbi who is *approachable*, *responsive*, *establishes a personal connection*, *a pastor*, *a teacher*, *a spiritual motivator*, and *an individual who represents Beth Tzedec to the larger Jewish community* (and, to a lesser extent, to the non-Jewish community). There was relatively little support for rabbinic roles in *fundraising*, *staff supervision* or as a *recruiter of new members* to Beth Tzedec.

Of particular interest were the responses to the questions about members' feelings about the possibility of various changes being introduced at Beth Tzedec. A strong majority of those surveyed support women's participation, including: *leading prayers* (68%), *assistant rabbi* (63%), *senior rabbi* (56%) and *cantor* (54%). 60% support a *rabbi or cantor officiating at a wedding/commitment ceremony for same-sex couples*. Only a one-third minority support the use of *musical instruments at Shabbat services*. Indeed, 40% or more are strongly opposed. There are similar levels of reaction to the idea of *livestreaming services over the Internet*: about 30% view it positively while 40% felt negatively.

We are indebted to Christine Govern and David Saffran of MAS (Management Advisory Service) for their invaluable assistance in creating the Survey, analyzing the results, and of course countless hours spent working with us to create the Strategic Plan. If you wish to review the Strategic Plan, please visit the Beth Tzedec website. Feel free to contact us anytime at strategicplanning@beth-tzedec.org. We always welcome your comments and feedback.

—Carolyn Kolers and Larry Wallach,
Co-Chairs, Strategic Planning
Committee



Simhat Torah Young Family Program

Thursday, October 12 from 5:15 to 7:15 PM

Join us for holiday crafts, games and a kids' Torah parade (recommended for children up to age 7), followed by a dinner for pre-registered families of all ages beginning at 6:15 PM. The party continues at our synagogue-wide *Hakafot* with singing, dancing, candy food and drinks.

Cost for dinner: \$20 adults; \$15 children (ages 13 and under).

Dinner reservations required **by Monday, October 2.**

For information or to RSVP, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.



**GIVE YOUR LITTLE THINKER
A FLYING START**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays**
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
1700 Bathurst St., Toronto

Little Thinkers Tot Program

A Joint Program Presented By Robbins Hebrew Academy and Beth Tzedec

For tots 18 months and older with a parent, grandparent or caregiver.

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Renovation Update

IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, MUCH HAS HAPPENED TO MOVE our Renovation Project forward. Following a thorough architect selection process, we chose the firm of Hariri Pontarini Architects to create a Master Plan to ensure our building meets the changing needs of our members. They were charged with creating an exterior and interior design to make our prayer spaces, banquet halls, offices and meeting rooms flexible, accessible, warm and welcoming. The Master Plan is intended to be a holistic vision of the Beth Tzedec of the future. It features an expanded Chapel with flexible seating, a re-worked Sanctuary, additional offices, new washrooms and a new entrance from the parking lot at the west end of the building. It also contemplates the renovation and redecoration of some existing spaces. The plans developed by the architects have been displayed in the Synagogue for a number of years to communicate the vision and to provoke questions and discussion.

We began the first phase of the renovation plan in 2015. Phase 1 involved the transformation and expansion of the Mezzanine Banquet Hall, featuring the creation of an extended foyer area, an enlarged gallery above the Beit Alpha mosaic floor, and a new kitchen servery. This phase also included work to the main floor lobby, with the removal of the staircase that formerly stood outside the main floor banquet hall doors, and the replacement of the old blue carpet in the foyer with modern wood flooring. HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems were updated to support the renovated spaces. The renovated Mezzanine level has already been the site of wedding ceremonies,

prayer services, bar/bat mitzvah parties, Shabbat dinners and prayer services. Now completed (on budget!), it stands on its own as a beautiful, multi-purpose space, but it also serves as an example of what is possible, and how our 60 year old building can be updated, rejuvenated and transformed. The vision set out in the Master Plan has started to become a reality.

The Master Plan provides for some expansion of the building envelope, to allow us to enlarge the Chapel, add office space, and create a more elegant main entrance area. I am pleased to report that on May 10, 2017, Beth Tzedec received approval of all of the necessary by-law variances needed to implement the Master Plan.

The goal is to move forward one phase at a time as the required funds are raised. As we approach each phase, detailed designs will be devised, in consultation with our members, the Board, staff and clergy. The Master Plan will provide the overall context for each phase. With the generous financial support of our members, we can refresh and revitalize our shul. A wonderful example of such generosity was Mary Ellen Herman's recently announced gift that will see the main floor banquet hall named the Michael and Mary Ellen Herman Banquet Hall. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Determine that the thing can and shall be done and then we shall find the way." We invite all of you to be part of this legacy project, for all of us, and for future generations.

—Carolyn Kolers and Stephen Kauffman,
Past Co-Chairs of the Renovation Committee

Inscribe our *Siddurim*!

Inscribe one or more of our new *siddurim*, to mark a celebration, special occasion or achievement, or to honour the memory of a loved one. Each *siddur* will bear an elegant, personalized bookplate to acknowledge the *mitzvah* of your gift to Beth Tzedec.





Professor Stephen Berk's Annual Lecture Series

From April 27 to 30, Professor Stephen Berk returned to Toronto for a series of presentations on the theme *100 Years—Crisis, Catastrophe and Creativity*. The lectures were held at Beth Emeth and Beth Tzedec synagogues, and presented as the Sam and Sarah Kerzner and Joseph Kerzner Memorial Holocaust Lectures, with support from Beth Tzedec's Men's Club and Sisterhood.



Palliative Care Panel

On April 20, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl joined Rev Thomas Rosica, Cardinal Thomas Collins and Imam Hai Abdul Patel for a discussion about the value of palliative care and the need for increased government funding for end of life support. They also discussed what is now termed Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID), and the importance of protecting the moral voice and standing of dissenting physicians even as freedom of decision is preserved for patients.



Passover Food Drive Packaging

Families from the Beth Tzedec community performed a little mitzvah magic helping to package kosher food baskets for the Passover food drive.



A Yom Ha'atzmaut Dance-a-thon

On May 7, families came out for an evening of fun, celebration and dancing, all for a good cause, at our Yom Ha'atzmaut Dance-a-thon in support of Save a Child's Heart.

Maureen Tanz: Warmth from Beth Tzedec

In a new segment highlighting the activities of volunteers in the Beth Tzedec community, Jerry Posner shares his insights and the work of *Hesed* Committee co-chair Maureen Tanz.

BETH TZEDEC IS BLESSED TO HAVE many congregants who have given money, time and effort all to better the Synagogue, the Jewish community and the wider parts of Toronto and beyond. It would be hard to argue about the impact that Maureen Tanz has had on the residents of Toronto as a result of her volunteer work as chair of the *Hesed* Committee.

Maureen's involvement with the *Hesed* Committee started innocently enough when she was asked to co-chair the committee in 2010. She was saying Kaddish for her father at the time, and was becoming more entrenched within the Beth Tzedec community. Also, she wanted to stay busy given that her three children were grown.

Maureen had already been volunteering for the Out of the Cold homeless shelter, a joint initiative of Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom since 2008. She took on a much greater role three years later as co-chair of this program, and has held the position for the past seven years. It is a fact that this program serves 2,000 meals and provides a shelter and a hot breakfast to 720 people each season. Those are amazing statistics, though Maureen is quick to point out that the real success would be if there was no need for any of these services.

Maureen says that the program would not be nearly as successful without the devotion of the volunteers and the shared desire to

help make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate in our community. Many have been volunteering for several years, including the longest standing volunteer who is going on to his 20th year of service at the tender age of 95.

Maureen remarked that Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl takes charge of the 5:00 AM breakfast shift almost every week, and has been doing so for years. Participation in the OOTC program is part of the Bar/Bat program at both synagogues, as it is important to introduce children to the concepts of *tzedekah* and *tikkun olam* at an early age.

Maureen clearly conveys the message that this undertaking is not merely a 12-week program. Along with her partner Rafi Aaron (from Beth Sholom), Maureen spends countless hours throughout the year trying to find ways to lower the operating costs of this initiative, securing monetary contributions as well as corporate donations of food, clothing and supplies since Out of the Cold is completely self-funded. In short, this is an enormous program, and through it all, Maureen is there, fully involved, every Tuesday for the full 12 weeks.

I have observed Maureen in action, and what was immediately evident is her way of making all people—volunteers and guests alike—feel at ease and valued. Maureen explained that what is most

important to her is that the shelter is viewed not merely as a place where the homeless eat and sleep. It is a place where those less fortunate can come and be treated with dignity and respect. As well, the guests sing along while a band entertains them during dinner. Afterwards, they can participate in an art program led by talented volunteers, engage in mindfulness sessions, receive clothing and play BINGO.

What is clear is that the *Hesed* Committee has much to do and that Maureen is able to get such a dedicated group of volunteers is a testament to her and the importance of this project.

Even with all of that, Maureen is also responsible for the “Thursday Games Afternoon,” at Beth Tzedec that was launched almost three years ago when she wanted her mother to learn how to play Mahjong and socialize more. What began with a group of 12 women has now blossomed into a year-round activity where nearly 60 people of all ages come to learn, play Mahjong, Canasta and Bridge, and socialize. She is most proud of the fact that this activity has produced so many new friendships.

Given all of her volunteer efforts for the Synagogue, it must be said that Maureen is a significant and “tanzible” part of Beth Tzedec.

—Jerry Posner

Games Afternoons

Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Join us on Thursday afternoons for a social activity program of Mahjong, Bridge and Canasta. All games are for beginners and seasoned veterans alike. RSVPs preferred. No charge.



For information or to RSVP, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org

Join us for a song-filled Kabbalat Shabbat and potluck dinner for the whole family.



**July 14 and August 18
at 6:00 PM**

Weather permitting, we will be eating and having our service in the backyard of 15 Avenal. If it is raining, the program will take place at Beth Tzedec.

Please bring a vegetarian dish to share (dairy and kosher fish is cool), made with kosher ingredients. Your dish can either be purchased or home-cooked in a strictly kosher or strictly vegetarian kitchen.

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Out of the Cold 2017

The 17th season of Out of the Cold ended on March 29. This volunteer initiative of Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom offers safe refuge, hospitality and emergency shelter to the homeless in our community. Our site is one of the largest temporary shelters in Toronto, providing over 180 people with hearty meals prepared by Toronto Kosher, overnight accommodations, breakfast, bagged lunches and subway tokens. Guests were treated to outstanding musical entertainment and sang, danced and performed with the bands! A special thank you to The Deloraines, Dave Borins, The Wild Walker Band and Evan Malach who volunteered their time, to great applause.

Our guests received much-needed warm winter clothing, boots and sundry items from our clothing bank. The Out of the Cold program is fortunate to have many generous individuals, companies and groups who have chosen to lend their support. Burnac Produce, Burnbrae Farms, Costco, Metro Foods (Bathurst and Lawrence), Country Queen Foods, Hermes Bakery, Pat's No Frills, Alan Rothman, The Medicine Shoppe (515 St. Clair Avenue W), Richman's Bakery, The Burnac Group, The Salvation Army and Tri-Quality Packaging (Allan Goodman) all kindly donated food supplies to our program.

The clothing program ensures that guests stay warm during the winter, and we are grateful to all who have made that possible. We received a plentiful supply of gently-used items from community members. Additionally, we thank Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Caulfield Apparel Group, McGregor Socks, Mountain Warehouse, Roots Canada, Tribal Inc. and Neil and Cindy Feigelson who generously donated cases of clothing. The Metropolitan Toronto Police Force Drive for the Homeless provided us with warm winter boots, and Living Life on the Avenue Retirement Residence gave fabulous gift baskets. Once again, we received an incredible donation courtesy of Jody Steinhauer of the Bargains Group. Project Winter Survival and Project Water provided duffle bags filled with necessities such as socks, t-shirts, winter hats, waterproof gloves, sleeping bags and water.

The Art Circle, under the guidance of the very talented Melanie Samra, inspired many of our guests to create pieces of art that were sold at our annual art show and sale. The artists received a substantial percentage from the sale of their pieces, while the Out of the Cold program benefitted as well. The feeling of pride and accomplishment on the faces of the artists made it that much more special.

This program would not be the success it is without the generosity of Jacklyn Rosenblat of Gwartzman's Art Supplies who ensured that our guests always had ample materials, and Elgin Picture and

Frame (Dupont Street), who mounted all of the paintings for the show. To read more about the art program, please visit ootcartcircle.wordpress.com. A Mindfulness Course, courtesy of the Centre for Mindfulness Studies was very popular with our guests as the participants learned to enhance their sense of relaxation and how to cope.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Jessie Greenspan for her efforts in bringing Beth Tzedec b'nei mitzvah-aged pre-teens, teenagers and young adults to come experience the mitzvah of helping those in need. We were thrilled to have a grandparent volunteer with his daughter and grandchild as well. They all prepared lunches, made hamantashen and chocolate popcorn and helped served dinner.

Hillel House (University of Toronto), Moishe House, Jewish Family and Child Services Emerging Leaders Division and Oraynu Congregation graciously organized BINGO games for our guests, complete with gift card prizes ... always one of the highlights of the program!

Students have also become more active supporters. Andrea Glube, a Grade 8 student at Bialik, created beautifully-scented bath soaps and sold them at Beth Sholom's Hanukkah party, at the art show and to her friends. She plans to buy winter jackets and other necessities with the funds she collected. Other children chose to use creative centrepieces at their b'nei mitzvah, filled with art supplies, food products or winter necessities that they donated to OOTC.

The Out of the Cold program is an enormous undertaking, one that would not happen without our very dedicated team of volunteers. Over 100 people perform a host of functions every week. I would like to thank everyone who gave of their time and energy to help out in this most enriching mitzvah. I would also like to acknowledge the very enthusiastic support of the members of the Mosaic Lodge of the Masons, and the wonderful office staff at both Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom who were never too busy to help out.

The Beth Tzedec/Beth Sholom OOTC program is self-funded. We rely on the generosity of our members and the community for financial support. Please consider making a donation earmarked for Out of the Cold. It is an opportunity to make a truly meaningful contribution to this wonderful *hesed* initiative. Contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

—Maureen Tanz
Co-Chair, *Hesed* Committee

Notable Speakers Series:

News & Views from Prominent Scholars and Personalities



Engaging ideas in current Jewish affairs, politics, arts and science

Mondays: 1:00 PM Light Lunch / 1:30 PM Lecture

Beth Tzedec Members: Eight sessions \$60; Four sessions \$36; or per session \$15

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FALL SERIES:

October 23 The Honourable Linda Frum discusses her experiences as a Jewish parliamentarian and Senator.

October 30 Journalist and writer Heidi Kingstone shares her novel *Dispatches from the Kabul Café*, in a conversation with Jonathan Kay.

November 13 Paul Michaels speaks about "Israel and the Middle East: Where Are Things Headed?" He is Director of Research and Media Relations for CIJA.

November 20 Award-winning journalist, author and broadcaster Dan Falk presents "From Robots to Thinking Machines: How a Brave New World of Artificial Intelligence Will Change Everything", exploring the coming age of thinking machines.

SPRING SERIES:

April 16 Dr. Mark J. Poznansky, PhD discusses "Genomics: Hype and Hope". The ability to sequence and analyze the entire DNA sequence is creating new possibilities in our lives. It's also leading to questions about the medical, technological, ethical and legal implications of this new genomic era. He is President and CEO of the Ontario Genomics Institute.

April 23 Professor Aurel Braun presents "Russia, the West, Iran and Israel and the New Middle East Chessboard". He teaches at the University of Toronto and Harvard, specializing in international law and relations.

May 7 Maxine Granovsky Gluskin and Stephan Jost-AGO Board Immediate Past President and Director/CEO respectively—discuss "Life Behind the Doors of the Art Gallery of Ontario: Mystery, Mastery and Majesty".

May 28 Judy Zelikovitz discusses "Winning the Battle for the Next Generation", an inside look at pro-Israel advocacy on campuses. She is Vice President, University and Local Partner Services for CIJA.

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New & Notable Programs for Adults

Zina Glassman, senior program coordinator, shares information about some exciting returning and new program initiatives for the coming year.



“ONE WHO DOESN’T INCREASE knowledge decreases it” is an old Jewish saying that has resonated with me for years. I am pleased that this holds true for many others, and that we can readily act on it right here at Beth Tzedec.

Our Synagogue is an amazing place, with an increasing number of educational and engaging programs for people of all ages serving a wide variety of interests and needs. Our dynamic “Book and Film Club” is consistently at full capacity, with a long waiting list of prospective new members. We often exceed our stated maximum of 200 attendees and, on one occasion, stretched the room to accommodate 265 book lovers.

When choosing titles for this annual series, we focus on providing participants with something extra. Among the books featured in our 2017-2018 season is *The Noise of Time* by Julian Barnes, a fictional account of the life of the renowned Russian composer Dimitri Shostakovich. We are thrilled that it will be reviewed by York University professor, musicologist, composer and conductor Robert Sterling Beckwith, who brings an expertise on

Shostakovich that cannot be matched by many literary reviewers. Another highlight this season is sure to be Tina Urman’s review of *Georgia: A Novel of Georgia O’Keeffe*. Ms. Urman, who focuses on the arts, will discuss this exceptional American artist, her relationship with her husband—the famed photographer Alfred Stieglitz, —and her evolution as an internationally celebrated artist. Check out the current AGO exhibit of O’Keeffe’s work for a deeper sense of what her art represents.

Educator Hana Werner returns with her “Day Trips in Jewish History” series. Werner creates an environment of joy, knowledge and excitement with her lectures on biblical events and personalities.

Our new and innovative “Notable Speakers Series: News and Views from Prominent Scholars and Personalities” is certain to be a huge draw for those who wish to expand their knowledge of the world. Presented Monday afternoons throughout the year, “Notable Speakers” provides an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with remarkable individuals. Our first ‘notable’ speaker will be the

Honourable Linda Frum, a member of the Canadian Senate, who will discuss her experiences as a Jewish parliamentarian during turbulent times in the nation’s capital.

Award-winning journalist and novelist Heidi Kingstone will also join us from England to discuss her book *Dispatches from the Kabul Café*, presented in conversation with fellow journalist Jonathan Kay. Although Jewish, Ms. Kingstone lived and worked in Afghanistan for four years, interviewing generals, warlords, prostitutes and fashionistas. Her presentation will provide a brief glimpse into life in a war-torn country.

Information about this series is included on the opposite page.

For information on these and other engaging Beth Tzedec programs, call me at 416-781-3514 ext. 225 or email zglassman@beth-tzedec.org.

I look forward to welcoming you at these programs that are sure to excite you and to expand your fields of knowledge.

—Zina Glassman



Heymish and Hip: Eating Jewish in Toronto

Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 PM

Watch for details coming soon.





Peace of Mind Program

For the second year, Beth Tzedec Congregation had the privilege of hosting a special unit of discharged Israeli elite combat soldiers at the week-long Peace of Mind program. In order to protect the identity of the POM participants, their faces have been blurred.



Hand in Hand

On June 11, Beth Tzedec partnered with the Hand In Hand organization to present *From Conflict to Cooperation: Jewish-Arab Relations in Israel*. Pictured: The Honourable Carolyn Bennet, MP for St. Paul's, Shuli Dichter, executive director of Hand In Hand, Michael Levitt, MP York Centre and Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl.



Wednesdays, September 13 & 27 at 7:30 PM

There is a longstanding tradition of spending the month of Elul, the month preceding Rosh Hashanah, doing serious introspection. Join me for a two-part spiritual check-up during which we will explore our sense of meaning, purpose and hope using traditional Jewish texts and contemporary spiritual care strategies.

For information or to RSVP, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

Lake Region Federation News



What's 'Nu' with the FJMC?

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs has lots of news to share! This year's annual FJMC Convention will be held in Washington, DC in July. At the convention, we will say good-bye and thank you to Rabbi Charles Simon, our executive director for many, many years, and welcome a new executive director, to be announced at the convention. We will also welcome a new president, Toronto's own Stan Greenspan. Other convention highlights include the Cantors Concert, wealth management seminars, tours

of the Holocaust Museum and a cocktail party at the Israeli Embassy, just to name a few.

Our Man/Youth of the Year

At the regional "Man/Youth of the Year" celebration in October, Beth Tzedec's Men's Club will honour our president Mark Lapedus and two youth members, Zach Friedman and Josh Arbess, as our Man and Youth of the Year nominees. At the same time, a new regional board will be invested and our outgoing president, Stan Greenspan, will be honoured.

Minyan of Comfort Initiative

The FJMC is working on a number of new and returning programming initiatives for the upcoming year. "Minyan of Comfort", the shiva training program for lay leaders, will again be held following the High Holy Days. Developed jointly by the FJMC and the Cantors Assembly, this initiative helps interested members learn the necessary skills to become shiva *minyanim* lay leaders. Watch for details on the Beth Tzedec website and in the High Holy Day edition of the *Beth Tzedec Bulletin*.



Converted to Judaism in the last five years? Know someone who has? ***Keeping the Faith*** is an initiative designed to maintain and deepen the connection between recent Jewish converts (and their Jewish partners) and the Jewish community. This initiative offers Jewish educational, cultural and ritual opportunities for recent Jews by Choice. No charge.

For more information, contact Rav Adam at 416-781-3514 ext 219 or ravadam@beth-tzedec.org.

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Men's Club Fifth Annual Golf Classic

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club hosted the fifth annual Golf Classic at Lebovic Golf Course on Thursday, May 18. *Yasher koah* to the numerous volunteers who helped make this event another wonderful success. *Photos courtesy of Larry Rachlin*

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Men's Club Makes a Difference

Neighbourhood Interfaith Group

On May 11, the Neighbourhood Interfaith Group held its 31st annual *Dinner and Discussion* program, exploring the topic "Antisemitism and Islamophobia: Common Roots and Common Challenges". Our interfaith panel featured Prof. Ivan Kalmar (Judaism), Prof. Stephen B. Scharper (Christianity) and Azeezah Kanji (Muslim). Over 150 people were in attendance for an evening of good food, good fellowship and stimulating discussion. For more information about Neighbourhood Interfaith Group, please visit www.northtorontointerfaith.ca.

Sunnybrook Shabbat

The latest Sunnybrook Shabbat service for the Jewish war veterans and permanent residents of Sunnybrook Hospital was held on Shabbat morning, May 13, lead by Men's Club president Mark Lapedus and treasurer Jerry Grammer. We thank Jessie Greenspan, director of teen engagement, for bringing a

group of teens, and especially our Torah readers, Josh Arbess, Isaiah Zabitsky and Sarah Schacht. All were delighted to see such a large gathering for the service and the kiddush following.

The next Sunnybrook Shabbat will take place on October 28 in the Sunnybrook Chapel from 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON. Free parking is available for those attending the service.

Quality Club Award

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club is excited to announce it has been awarded the Quality Club Award by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. This award goes to Men's Clubs that are able to excel in a number of areas (minimum 16) over an extended period of time, such as community service, Jewish observance, *hesed*, joint Sisterhood programs, synagogue service, synagogue support and interfaith programs, amongst others.

Larry Rachlin, chair of the Men's Club, will accept this award on behalf of Beth Tzedec at the upcoming International Convention in Washington in July.

Proudly Supporting our Programs

Men's Club president, Mark Lapedus, presented Zina Glassman, senior program coordinator, with a cheque to help support the "Summer Film Series", held Wednesday evenings in July. (See page 12 for film series line-up.)



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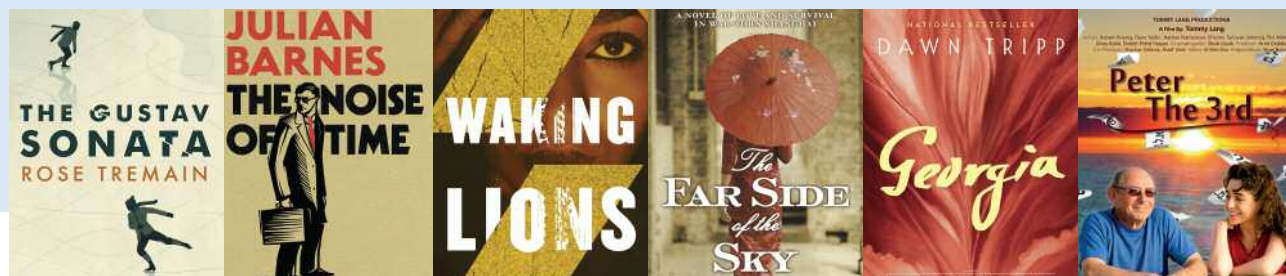
- A plastic card that includes a three-year Jewish Holiday calendar
- Preferred seating at Men's Club sponsored events

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Book and Film Club Selections 2017-2018

Mondays—Lunch 1:00 PM; Reviews 1:30 PM

All six sessions: \$100 for members of Beth Tzedec Congregation, \$120 for non-members; \$25 per session
(Limited seating available; pre-registration required.)



SEPTEMBER 25

The Gustav Sonata

Cynthia Good discusses Rose Tremain's book

The story of the friendship of two men in Switzerland who spent most of their lives trying to achieve the unattainable.

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OCTOBER 16

The Noise of Time

Professor Robert Sterling Beckwith analyzes Julian Barnes' novel

Based on actual events, this novel presents a riveting, fictionalized account of the life of the great Russian composer Dimitri Shostakovich, and the anguished compromises he made under Stalin's regime.

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The Far Side of the Sky

Cathy Tile explores Daniel Kalla's book

This novel focuses on a short but extraordinary period of Chinese, Japanese and Jewish history, when cultures converged and heroic sacrifices were part of the everyday quest for survival.

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Waking Lions

Harriet Morris reviews Ayelet Gundar-Goshen's book

This is a gripping, suspenseful Israeli drama of guilt and survival, shame and desire.

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APRIL 30

Georgia: A Novel of Georgia O'Keeffe

Tina Urman examines Dawn Tripp's masterful novel

Explore the life of American master painter Georgia O'Keeffe—her love story with photographer Alfred Stieglitz and coming of age as a woman and an artist.

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MAY 14, 10:30 AM

Peter the Third

Dr. Gillian Helfield critiques Tommy Lang's movie

This light-hearted Israeli comedy is at times laugh-out-loud funny, but at its core is an examination of the trials of an aging actor and a young waitress who forge an uneasy friendship.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Prep Club Fund

Michelle and David Winter, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Miriam Kimel**.

Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Moses Flatt**.

Rochelle and Michael Kerzner and family, honouring **Harold and Carole Wolfe** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Ryan**.

Rochelle and Michael Kerzner and family, honouring **Paul and Jodi Mandel** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Ryan**.

Rochelle and Michael Kerzner and family, wishing **Morris and Judy Rosenberg** a happy Passover.

Paul and Susan Lindzon and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Percy Lindzon**.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, acknowledging **Andrea Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins**.

Daily Minyan Breakfast

Albina Backman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Steve Rozencwajg**.

Rosalee and Seymour Berlin and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Belle Green Wax, Harold Albert Green** and **Abraham Greenberg**.

Esther Bernstein and family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Dr. Abraham Bernstein**.

The Betel Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Betel**.

Caroline Bokar, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bob Bokar**.

Hanita Braun and family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Sophia Braun**.

The Brockman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Brockman**.

Michael Brown, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Frankie Brown**.

Larry Chad and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Chad**.

Denise Chriqui and family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Moshe Chriqui**.

Rick and Ellen Cosman and family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Maida Cosman**.

The Cummings Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sylvia Cummings**.

Marshall Drukarsh and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Florence Drukarsh**.

Wendy and Elliot Eisen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Selma Eisen**.

Harry Enchin and Susan Friedrich, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Freda Enchin**.

Cheryl and Seymour Epstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Belbin**.

Robert Farber and Bonnie and Saul Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shaynka Farber**.

Minda Feldman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leslie Feldman**.

Vered and Jay Feldman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Malka Gorewicz**.

Michele Friedlich-Pollock and family, Diane Betel and family and Georgine Friedlich-Rosman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Steven Friedlich**.

Susan Friedrich and Harry Enchin, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Rozalia Friedrich** and **Miksa Friedrich**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, acknowledging the **Bernstein Family** in memory of **Dr. Abraham Bernstein**.

The Gale Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Brenda Gale**.

Helen Glazer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Glazer**.

Sara Wunch Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Srul Irving Glick**.

Norman and Linda Gold, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Pearl Palay**.

Dr. Eudice Goldberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arthur Konviser**.

Diane Grafstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Murray Grafstein**.

Hollis Granoff Landauer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dorothy Rosenstock Granoff**.

Saul and Bonnie Greenberg and Harry and Roslynne Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dora Greenberg**.

Judith Hans, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Itta Zeisler**.

Donald Hoffer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bessie Hoffer**.

Esther Hussman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David (Dov) Hussman**.

Nava, Amit and Difat Jakubovicz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Iran Esther Jakubovicz**.

Stephen and Patricia Johnson and Ricky and Ellen Cosman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Johnson**.

Stephen and Patricia Johnson and Ricky and Ellen Cosman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leonard Johnson**.

Jackie and Norman Kahn, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Vera Waldman**.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Herbert Kahn**.

The Kraft Family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Bernie Kraft**.

Jan and Mark Lapedus and Andrew and Julie Freedman and families, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Jack and Chovie Freedman**.

Nathan and Glennie Lindenberg, honouring the marriage of their son **Ira to Sarah Marantz**.

Mitch and Anne Max and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Max**.

The Menkes Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Murray Menkes**.

Barry and Susan Phillips, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arnold Phillips**.

Barry and Susan Phillips, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Florence Phillips**.

Susan and Barry Phillips, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ethel Hamer**.

Gary Pollock and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ricky Pollock**.

Stacy Rosen and Jonathan Hausman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Percy Rosen**.

Allan and Ellen Rosenbluth and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anette Rosenbluth**.

Allan and Ellen Rosenbluth and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Rosenbluth**.

Sheila Rubinoff and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Melvyn Paul Rubinoff**.

Sheila Rubinoff and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Langer**.

The Ruby Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gerry Ruby**.

Caren Ruby and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Reta Isenberg**.

Toby Saltzman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Kenneth Saltzman**.

Harold Shapiro and family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Rona Shapiro**.

Barbara and Arnold Shell, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gedalia Berenhaut**.

The Sherman Family, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Max Sherman**.

Helene and Garry Shomair, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Percy Zaifman**.

Helene and Garry Shomair, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Zenia Zaifman**.

Judith Shostack and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Shostack**.

Ferne Shulman and Rayna Kirschner, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson and son **Kyle Richards**.

Alan Sless and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip Sless**.

Eric Sobel and Ricky Goldenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip Hornick**.

Sylvia Solish and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Lloyd Solish, Q.C.**

Sylvia Solomon and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Horowitz**.

Carole Starkman and Lawrie Lubin and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ettie Lubin**.

Bernice Stern and Elise and Bernie Gropper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leo Stern**.

Dr. Stephen Tanny and Sharon Weinstein and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Tanny**.

Sender and Lisa Tator, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Shayne Tator**.

The Teichman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Bernard Teichman**.

The Tessis Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Stanley Tessis**.

Dorothy Tessis and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Yadja Yetta Wajgensberg**.

Sonia Yerzey, honouring marriage of her grandson **Jason Libenson to Marlee Goodman**.

Daily Minyan Fund

Rosalee Berlin, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Fredelle and Harold Brief, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Diane Grafstein, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

David Singer Memorial Fund

Bonny Kirschner, honouring **Eddie Kirschner** on his special birthday.

Eddie and Bonny Kirschner, honouring **Sylvia Singer** on her birthday.

General Fund

Graham and Enid Berg, honouring **Dr. Irving and Jeanne Salit** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Eli**.

Linda Bronfman, honouring **Norman Tobias** for his scholarship and interfaith relations work.

Bob and Flory Cohen, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.



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Allan and Elaine Francoz, honouring **Joy Wagner-Arbus** on her charitable work.

Shep and Lorraine Gangbar, acknowledging **Brent Belzberg and family** in memory of **Hyman Belzberg**.

Shep and Lorraine Gangbar and family, honouring **Randy and Debbie Spiegel** on the birth of their grandson.

Millie Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Philip Pollock**.

Oskar Rajsky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Edith Rajsky**.

Col. Meir and Devorah Rottem, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Zvi Rottem** and **Ruth Abramovitch**.

Sidney and Lola Solnik, acknowledging **Bonita Josse** in memory of **Dr. Edward (Ted) Feldman**.

Judith and Mendel Somer and family, acknowledging **Manley and Barbra Walters and family** in memory of **David Walters**.

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Cantor Deborah Staiman, honouring **Larry Wallach** for his lecture series, *The Real Housewives of the Bible*.

The Valo Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Regina Valo**.

The Valo Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Thomas Valo**.

Felicia Valo, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sheva Brandes**.

Miriam Weinstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Phyllis Weinstein**.

Hesed Fund

Pamela Beiles, acknowledging **Paula Clayman** in memory of **Janet Sorochnan**.

Graham and Enid Berg, honouring **Irving and Wendy Gold** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Rory**.

Fred and Jocelynn Engle, honouring the **Weinstein Family** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Owen**.

Cantor Sidney Ezer and the Ezer family, honouring **Tilly Oslender** on her 110th birthday.

Faye Firestone, honouring **Sara Kachuck** on her birthday.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, acknowledging the **Feldman Family** in memory of **Dr. Edward (Ted) Feldman**.

Anna Gangbar and Leonard Gangbar, acknowledging **Esther Bernstein** in memory of **Dr. Abraham Bernstein**.

Irving Gold, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Gold**.

Diane Grafstein, acknowledging **Simma Shaul** in memory of **Dr. Arthur Kaminker**.

Terri Humphries, acknowledging **Stephen Abrams and family** in memory of **Ida Abrams**.

Marsha Joseph, honouring **Skip Sigel** on his birthday.

Zelda Korenblum, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Henry Korenblum**.

Marlene Laba, acknowledging **Andrea Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins, PhD**.

Marlene Laba, acknowledging **Jackie Kahn** in memory of **Vera Waldman**.

Marcie and Gary Mansfield, acknowledging **Jackie Kahn** in memory of **Vera Waldman**.

Marcie and Gary Mansfield, honouring **Adam and Mitchell Beallor**.

David and Shirley Promislow, acknowledging **Paula Clayman** in memory of **Janet Sorochnan**.

Michael and Sharon Pupko, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mark Pupko**.

Sharon and Michael Pupko and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hershel Greenspan**.

Lorraine Resnick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arthur Resnick**.

Lorraine Resnick, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Morris Resnick**, **Bessie Kushner** and **Min Stern**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, honouring **Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale** on the engagement of their daughter **Emily Teichman** to **Jonathan Zworth**.

Irving and Jeanne Salit, honouring **Irving and Wendy Gold** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Rory Ichelon**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, acknowledging **Brent Belzberg** in memory of **Hyman Belzberg**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, acknowledging **Laura Orzy** in memory of **Lyrice Behrman**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Barbara and Ricky Kirshenblatt** on the birth of their grandson **Logan**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Howard Rosen and Marla Freedman Rosen** on the engagement of their son **Jonathan** to **Robyn Miller**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Lois Buckstein and Brona Rosen** on the marriage of their grandchildren.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Steven and Liddy Gottesman** on the engagement of their daughter.

Sharon Singer Karlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Singer**.

Rose Sobel, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Nathan Chelin** and **Harry Grimson**.

Jason Stein and Jeannette Stein, honouring **Faye Firestone**.

Maureen and Bernie Tanz, acknowledging **Esther Bernstein** in memory of **Dr. Abraham Bernstein**.

Anna-Lynne Taradash, acknowledging **Doreen Kaminker and family** in memory of **Dr. Arthur Kaminker**.

Anna-Lynne Taradash, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Sossin**.

Eleanor Wisenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lucille Bensky**.

Sheila and Gerry Ziedenberg, acknowledging **Fanny Orenstein** in memory of **Joseph Orenstein**.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, acknowledging **Laura Orzy** in memory of **Lyrice Behrman**.

Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

Evelyn Cooper, acknowledging **Sheila Rosenblatt and family** in memory of **Ellen Joy Rabinowitz**.

Evelyn Cooper, acknowledging the **Silver Family** in memory of **David Silver**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging the **Loewenstein Family** in memory of **Phyllis Shevil**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging the **Rosenblatt Family** in memory of **Seymour**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging **Sheila Rosenblatt and family** in memory of **Ellen**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging the **Silver Family** in memory of **David Silver**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, honouring **Mark Lapedus** on his birthday.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, honouring **Sandra Grossman** on her special birthday.

Israel Sydney & Pearl Wolfe Memorial Fund

Stephen and Myrna Hanet, acknowledging **Dr. Allan Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins, PhD**.

Stephen and Myrna Hanet, honouring **Bernie Schwartz** on his 80th birthday.

Caryl and Bernie Schwartz, acknowledging **Dr. Allan Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins, PhD**.

Ronald, Johanna, Alissa, Jacob and Julia Schwartz, acknowledging **Dr. Allan Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins, PhD.**

Randall Schwartz and Andrea Randolph and family, acknowledging **Dr. Allan Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins, PhD.**

Dara Schwartz and Amir Walden and family, acknowledging **Dr. Allan Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins, PhD.**

Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, acknowledging **Jackie Kahn** in memory of **Vera Waldman.**
Norman and Jackie Kahn, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Norman and Jackie Kahn, honouring **Jeff Waldman** on his retirement.
Teddy and Bari Zittell, acknowledging **Jackie Kahn** in memory of **Vera Waldman.**

Jonathan Steiner Memorial Fund

Joseph and Elaine Steiner, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Jonathan Steiner**, and the yahrtzeit of **Louis Goldman.**

Kaplan Bar/Bat Mitzvah Financial Assistance Award

Phyllis and Mickey Kaplan and family, acknowledging the **Feldman Family** in memory of **Jack Feldman.**

Kosher Food Bank

Cherryl Berliner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Hertz.**
Beryl, Stuart and Jordan Ducoffe, wishing **Pearl and David Elman** a happy Passover.
Faye Firestone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Firestone.**

Faye Firestone, honouring **Sharon Cherniak.**
Zina Glassman and family, honouring of the birth of her grandson.

Mark and Jan Lapedus and family, acknowledging the **Feldman Family** in memory of **Dr. Edward (Ted) Feldman.**
Irving Matlow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Archie Matlow.**

Carmen Mok, honouring **Bradley Sage** on his birthday.

Roberta Riven, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eileen Riven.**

Ruth Sheps, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Rotmensh.**

Sylvia Singer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Singer.**

Tamar Weiss, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Berta Kaplow.**

Little Minyan Fund

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family, acknowledging **Jackie Kahn** in memory of **Vera Waldman.**

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family, acknowledging **Laura Orzy** in memory of **Lyrice Behrman.**

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family, acknowledging **Teddy Zittell** in memory of **Barbara Zittell.**

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family, honouring **Sherry and Jay Firestone** on **Chaz** receiving his PhD.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, acknowledging **Jackie and Norman Kahn** in memory of **Vera Waldman.**

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, acknowledging **Laura Orzy** in memory of **Lyrice Behrman.**

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Peter and Lesly Weinstein** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Owen.**

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Teddy Zittell** in memory of **Barbara Zittell.**

Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library Fund

Sophie Brockman, acknowledging the **Wax Family** in loving memory of **Dr. Sydney Lawrence Wax.**

Phyllis and Ab Flatt and Carole and Harold Wolfe, acknowledging the memories of **Beatrice and Max Wolfe.**

Donnie Friedman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abe Bohnen.**

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Zina Glassman** on the birth of her grandson.

Men's Club Scholarships

Arthur and Carole Andrews, acknowledging **Jackie Kahn** in memory of **Vera Waldman.**

Leah Liquornik, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Turowicz.**

Moshe Chriqui Memorial Fund

Rabbi Adam and Debra Cutler, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Diane and Ron Ennis, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Andee Goldman, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Nava Jakubovicz, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Yvette Lerner and Lewis Freedman, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Mark and Judy Libman, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Millie Pollock, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Mary and Les Richmond and family, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Joseph and Elaine Steiner, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Music Fund

Donnie Friedman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mark Bohnen.**

Connie Kachuck and family, honouring **Sara Kachuck** on her 95th birthday.

Lorraine Resnick, acknowledging the memory of **Ann Sugarman.**

Out-of-the-Cold Fund

Frances Ackerman and Henry Einstoss, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Einstoss.**

Shirley and Perry Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Betty Korzenstein.**

Prof. Raisa Deber, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Berlin.**

Faye Firestone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bluma Rosenstock.**

Diane Grafstein, honouring **Clarice Warren** on the marriage of her son **Greg to Michelle.**

Henrietta Kostman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Leon Kostman.**

Shirley Krem, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui.**

Shirley Krem, acknowledging **Stephen Abrams** in memory of **Ida Abrams.**

Pearl Lipton-Silver and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marvin Lipton.**

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging **Jackie Kahn** in memory of **Vera Waldman.**

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Rosalee Naster** in memory of **Max Rubenstein.**

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Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Stephen Abrams** in memory of **Ida Abrams**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Teddy Zittell** in memory of **Barbara Zittell**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, honouring **Randy and Debbie Spiegel** on the engagement of their son **Koby**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging **Simma Shaul** in memory of **Dr. Arthur Kaminker**.

Nina Wallach, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Herbert Greenberg**.

Nina Wallach, on becoming a Canadian citizen.

Manley and Barbra Walters, acknowledging the **Zacks Family** in memory of **Harold Zacks**.

Lynda and Jerry White, honouring **Barbara Firestone** on her birthday.

Prayer Book (Humash) Dedications

Debbie Shecter, honouring the 50th anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.

Prayer Book (Mahzor) Dedications

The Honourable Jerry and Carole Grafstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Pauline Wayne**.

Cecile Zaifman and family, commemorating the 30th yahrtzeit of **Percy Zaifman**.

Cecile Zaifman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Zenia Zaifman**.

Prayer Book (Siddur) Dedications—Daily or Shabbat

Bradley and Heni Ashley, acknowledging **Brent Belzberg** in memory of **Hy Belzberg**.

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood, acknowledging **Doreen Kaminker** in memory of **Dr. Arthur Kaminker**.

Marnie Burke and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Pauline Burke**.

Dr. Perry and Shirley Cooper, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Faye Firestone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bluma Rosenstock**.

The Gale Family, honouring the memory of **Brenda Gale**.

Allan Goldstein and Michelle Glied-Goldstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jordan Goldstein**.

Barry Greenberg and Susan Laufer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jay Greenberg**.

Malki Lazar and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Regina Lazar**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Norman and Ellin Kert** on their 60th anniversary.

Stephen Rothstein, honouring the memory of **Isadore Rothstein**.

Dr. Jeffrey Swartz and Angela Swartz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Irving Swartz**.

Dr. Jeffrey Swartz and Angela Swartz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Verna Swartz**.

Dorothy Tessis and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Yadja Yetta Wajgensberg**.

Dr. Harold Weizel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Zelda Broudy**.

Ted, Annette, Madison and Eden Wine, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Wine**.

Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum Fund

Honey and Jack Carr, honouring **Dorothy Tessis** on her special birthday.

Emily and Howard Snow, honouring **Sharon Anisman** on her special birthday.

Maxine Wintre, honouring **Paul and Gella Rothstein** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Eli**.

Sean Howard Atkins Memorial Fund

Nita Chusid, acknowledging **Dr. Allan Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins, PhD**.

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family, acknowledging **Andrea Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins, PhD**.

Florence Magram, acknowledging **Andrea Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins, PhD**.

Caryl and Bernie Schwartz, acknowledging **Dr. Allan Atkins** in memory of **Sean Howard Atkins, PhD**.

Sheila Zeldin Memorial Fund

Marshall, Karen, Ryan, Seth and Josh Bleiweis, acknowledging the **Fisher Family** in memory of **Rachela Fisher**.

Dr. John Zeldin, acknowledging **Esther Bernstein** in memory of **Dr. Abraham Bernstein**.

Dr. John Zeldin, acknowledging **Joyce Guttman** in memory of **James Guttman**.

Syrian Refugee Program

Gary and Jan Elman and family, acknowledging **Teddy Zittell** in memory of **Barbara Zittell**.

Roslyn Mendelson, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Murray Mendelson**.

Jeanne and Irving Salit, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Emmanuel Cooke**.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, acknowledging the **Farha Family** in memory of their father.

Victims of Terror Fund

Bella, Zamir and Alexander Latipow, acknowledging **Hosma and Les Gelfand** in memory of **Celeste Jacobs**.

Eric Sobel, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Yom Hashoah Candle Fund

Sylvia Singer and family, acknowledging **Stephen Abrams** in memory of **Ida Abrams**.

Sylvia Singer and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Jonah and Rachel Singer**.

Sylvia Singer and family, honouring **Eddie Kirschner** on his birthday.


Cathy Surdin, Lawrence and Brooke Schiff, honouring **Eddie Kirschner** on his special birthday.

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